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PHIL FIRES ONE HOME

In Brazilian-like sunshine Philippe Coutinho rolls his penalty past Preston keeper Declan Rudd to net Liverpool's first goal of the 2013/14 pre-season. His spot-kick was followed by impressive efforts from Jordon Ibe, Raheem Sterling and Iago Aspas in the 4-0 win at Deepdale, which earned the Shankly Shield – a prize awarded to commemorate the great man's 100th birthday in September.





ROARED ON BY BIG REDS

The 90,000 crowd which greeted his team at the Gelora Bung Karno National Stadium in Jakarta left Reds boss Brendan Rodgers feeling "very humbled – you hear about how big Liverpool is in Asia, but it's only when you come here that you recognise the sheer passion and love for the football club." The country's LFC fans – nicknamed the 'Big Reds' – were rewarded with goals from Philippe Coutinho and Raheem Sterling in a 2-0 win over an Indonesia XI.

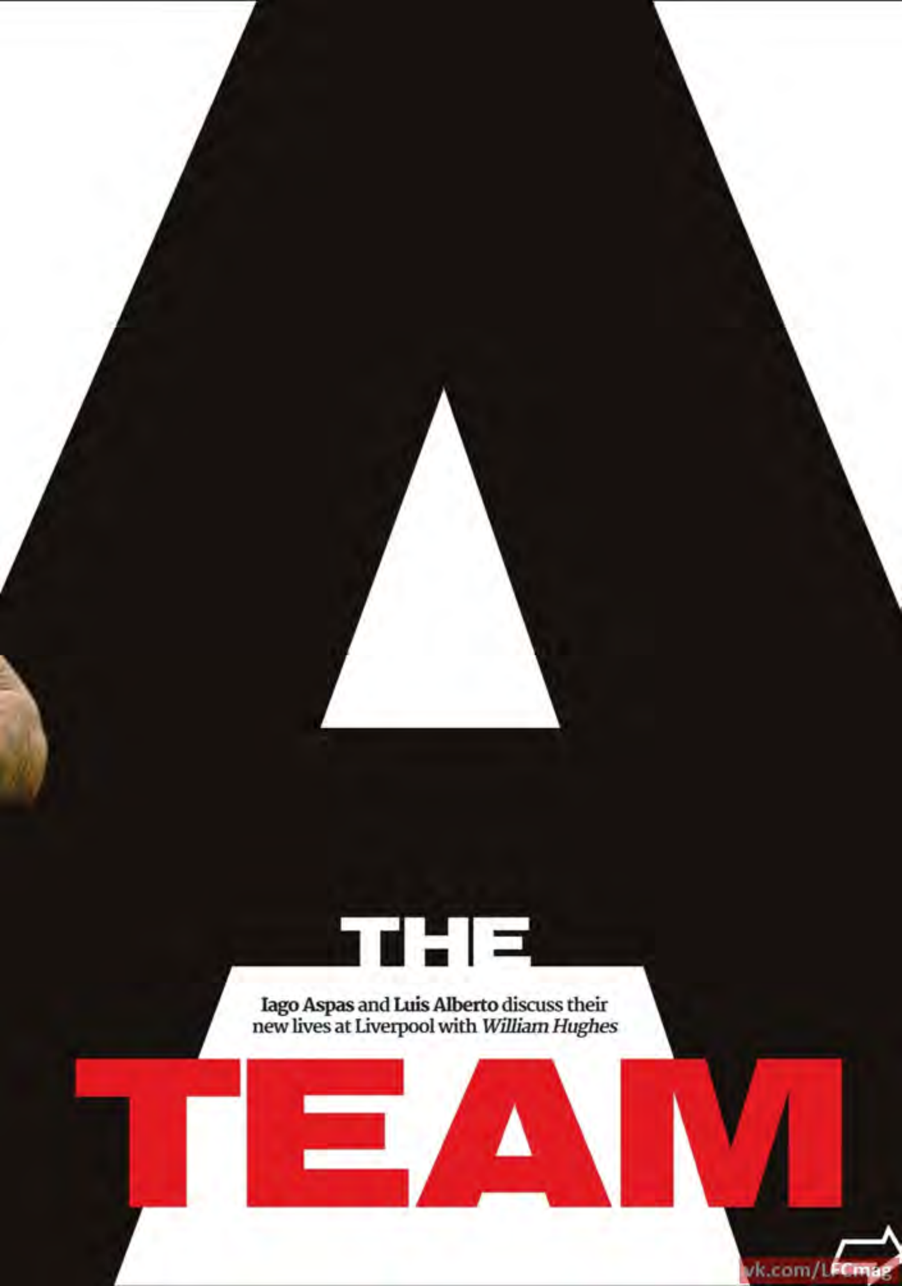


SOMETHING IN THE AIR

Skipper Steven Gerrard, boss Brendan Rodgers and managing director Ian Ayre lead the squad off their LFC-emblazoned Garuda plane during the pre-season 2013 tour which took in Indonesia, Australia, Thailand, Norway and Dublin. Wherever the party travelled their welcome was magnificent – and thousands of delirious fans were guaranteed.


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A THE TEAM

Iago Aspas and Luis Alberto discuss their new lives at Liverpool with *William Hughes*

Tell us about your respective footballing backgrounds?

LUIS: I started playing indoor football and five-a-side in Cadiz – what we call *futbol salon*. I started playing at Xerez where I spent three seasons before having eight years in Seville and then as you know one year at Barcelona B.

IAGO: From the age of eight I've worked my way through the ranks from different youth stages at Celta Vigo and the reserves. Then for the last five years I've been in the first-team squad there.

Is football important in your families?

LUIS: It is. I am from a big family. There are nine of us altogether so I have a lot of brothers and sisters! Two of my brothers were good at football and one got as far as playing in the Second Division in Spain.

IAGO: I am one of four brothers. The eldest played in the Spanish League Three. The second eldest has played in Cyprus, Italy, Belgium and Spain. He was also at Celta Vigo and played in the UEFA Cup at Newcastle United in 2006. Then I came along but my youngest brother doesn't play.

Who have been the biggest influences on your career?

LUIS: From the youth team through to the reserves at Seville I'd say [the coach] Ramon Tejada Carregalo – a big influence all through my formative years. Then at Barca B, Eusebio Sacristan, who played for Barcelona's 'dream team' under Johan Cruyff in the 1990s, helped me develop my game.

IAGO: Eusebio was also one of my managers at Celta Vigo. I had a lot of people who have helped me in all my years at Celta so it would be difficult to single one out.

"I didn't have to give it a second thought when I heard of Liverpool's interest"

Luis, did you ever have any dealings with Tito Vilanova last year?

LUIS: Not huge contact, only maybe if we were training together with the first team, but not much more than that.

What were the main attractions about joining Liverpool?

IAGO: The club's tradition and its history of all the great players who have been here before and that are here now.

LUIS: I feel similar to Iago. It's one of the biggest clubs in the world, it has a great history and philosophy and, as Iago says, the players here are all great players, I didn't have to give it a second thought when I heard of Liverpool's interest.

What have you made of Brendan Rodgers in your first few weeks?

IAGO: He's definitely an interesting coach. He is very interested in Spanish football and the philosophy of thinking

THE BOY FROM BARCA B



Luis Alberto is a product of Sevilla FC who spent his first two seasons as a senior with the B team, playing 77 times and making seven appearances in La Liga. Last season he spent a year on loan at Barcelona's renowned La Masia Academy. Playing in the Barca B side he found the net 11 times and provided 17 assists in 38 appearances. He doesn't like to pigeonhole himself. "I don't have a favourite position – it depends on the team's tactics. I like to move about and I don't mind where I play. I like to play with freedom. I'm a technical player. I provide assists and in the penalty area I score goals."

Photos by Andrew Powell

"HE'LL DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT"



"It wasn't a surprise that Iago Aspas left Celta this summer," reveals Gustavo Agulla from Vigo podcast *El Futbol Es Celeste* (The Football is Sky Blue). "For a long time we've known that clubs have been watching him. We are losing a hero who's been with us from the age of nine. When he first joined the academy, players under 10 weren't allowed, so Iago pretended he was a year older than he actually was! The club immediately signed him.

"Iago started out as an attacking midfielder before becoming a striker. In 2008, while still a teenager, he made his Celta debut but didn't appear again until the following season. At that time Celta looked like they might be relegated to the third division and were drawing 0-0 with Alaves when he scored two goals to earn a vital win. Of course the fans instantly loved him.

"He's grown to become a very good footballer. He's impulsive and creative and can do something different in difficult situations. He's quick and can use both feet. Quite often defenders have to foul him to stop him – he loves running at opponents. We'll miss him and I think he will miss us too – after his last appearance he cried. But we know he has joined a historic club in Liverpool."

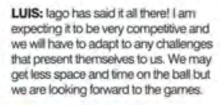
that lies behind the way that it's played which is obviously familiar to us. I think he's trying to infuse those ideas into the players here – a more Spanish approach to football.

LUIS: I think it's beneficial for us to come here as Spanish players. The manager has studied the game in Spain and the fact that he speaks Spanish is a positive for us as well. But it's his beliefs about how we play the game that I believe is important.

Spanish football has enjoyed a good period but how do you feel the Premier League will compare to La Liga?

IAGO: I think the football in England will be more competitive. Spain has had a lot of highs and lows in football but what you find is that because the TV rights are not as equally divided it makes it a lot more difficult for the other clubs to compete with Barcelona and Real Madrid, who take just about everything. That means the level of football isn't as competitive because the other clubs do not have the levels of finance to compete. Here it is different and much more competitive as a result of the clubs getting more of an equal share. On the other side of it, the successes of Barca, Real Madrid and the national team have had another effect. Spanish players never used to leave the country but because of those successes they are more valued than they used to be and that means more of us are getting opportunities to play in other leagues.

> "It could be significant that opponents know little about us"



LUIS: Iago has said it all there! I am expecting it to be very competitive and we will have to adapt to any challenges that present themselves to us. We may get less space and time on the ball but we are looking forward to the games.

How would you describe your 2012/13 seasons?

IAGO: It was a great season for me. I made my debut in the top flight and I also managed to score some decisive goals against some of the top sides in Spain, so that was very satisfying. Obviously as a team and as a club it was more difficult but the main thing was that we did achieve our objective which was to stay out of the bottom three and remain in the Primera Liga.

LUIS: Barcelona was a great place to work. Barca is different to any other club in the sense that they have this philosophy to promote from within and give youngsters the chance to move up into the first team. Of all the teams in Spain there are probably more players that move up from the youth team and progress. In my case, it gave me a good shop window to secure a reasonably good future in the game by getting a great move to a club like Liverpool. As you would expect, the emphasis was always on playing good football by passing and keeping the ball. It was a great year.

You are relatively unknown in this country – will that help in your debut season?

IAGO: It's not only a good thing for us from the point of view that the fans don't know so much about us, but it may be more significant that defenders and opponents won't know so much about us either. That may have been the case with Michu at Swansea City last season, for example.

What's the best piece of advice you've ever received as a player?

LUIS: Always be yourself. Be patient. Work hard.

IAGO: That football always gives you a second chance.

How did you find the first few weeks of the pre-season?

LUIS: Harder than in Spain!

IAGO: The first week was the toughest. And from what Philippe [Coutinho] has told us it is consistently tougher and we can expect this all season.

Philippe made an immediate impact last season. You must be hoping for the same?

IAGO: Absolutely. We will be hoping to make the same impression and we've already been receiving a lot of help from our team-mates. Phil has been helping us a lot. Although he's not been here a long time, he knows all about the club's philosophy and what it actually means to be a Liverpool player.

LUIS: We just want to work hard. We want to make sure that we are at the same level physically as all our teammates when the league season starts at Anfield against Stoke City. We want to be ready to take part when the competitive action starts.

The lads were put through their pre-season paces well and truly!



What are your aims for the new season?

LUIS: First of all collectively Liverpool have to get back in Europe at all costs. Liverpool are one of the biggest clubs in world football and we've got to make sure we get back into European competition. From my own point of view, I want to be happy, enjoy my football and my time here at Liverpool.

IAGO: Personally it would be to play as many games as I can and take on board all the new concepts and ideas – everything that I need to learn about playing for Liverpool. As a team, we've got to aim to get into Europe again next season. That's very, very important and our ambition has to be to get into the top four. Starting off with a win against Stoke will be important as you always want to get off on the winning trail from the word go.

How are your English lessons progressing?

LUIS: We haven't got a car or a house at the moment and with having two sessions a day at Melwood as well, we haven't really had time. I had one lesson on my first day but my English is bad!

IAGO: Luis is shy about talking English and doesn't want to speak it. I'm not



so worried – I will give it a go even if I get it wrong! Luis won't try.

LUIS: I am shy about it. I get embarrassed!

Your tattoos - any significance to them?

LUIS: I like wizards and magicians so that explains the design on my arm. I also like the words on there. It is something I created along with the tattoo artist. The footballer at the bottom of my arm isn't anyone in particular, just a random image.

IAGO: The tattoo on my leg is something I had done years ago. I just liked the design – it doesn't have any particular meaning. It is the same with the star by my left wrist. I just liked the shape.

Iago, in November 1998 Liverpool played a UEFA Cup tie in Vigo with Steven Gerrard on the bench for the first time - were you there?

IAGO: I'm almost sure that I was. I would've been 11 and I know for definite that during that period as a young lad on the books I was a ball boy at every game at the Estadio Balaidos so the chances are that I was at that particular fixture. It's quite possible that Steven Gerrard would have walked past me that night!

COUTINHO ON ASPAS & ALBERTO

"They've got a lot of quality and in particular they have a lot of pace. They will give us something different, add a lot to our forward play and help us out a great deal. I'm really looking forward to playing alongside both of them"



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Anfield, 3pm, Saturday 17 August, Liverpool v Stoke. Roll on the next nine months!







MISS A TURN

Oh no – Coutinho called up for eight week's jury service in Brazil



MISS A TURN

Lucas tweets pic of Jose Enrique in skintight superhero outfit



Injury crisis – Mighty Red on the subs bench

GO BACK TO START



FINISH

Anfield, May 2014, mission accomplished – and permission granted to perform a lap of honour around your living room



LFC fan Ricky Walden wins snooker world championship and dedicates it to Reds

ONE STEP FORWARD



MISS A TURN

Oh no #2 – Coutinho called up for 10,000-mile round-trip Brazil friendly on International Space Station



YOU REDS!

Oh yes – Steven Gerrard becomes the first and only Liverpool player since the legendary Billy Liddell to score in 15 consecutive seasons

ONE STEP FORWARD

FOUR STEPS FORWARD



Maths whizz Glen Johnson calculates to ten decimal points that LFC are by far the greatest team the world has ever seen



TWO STEPS FORWARD

TWO STEPS BACK

Daniel Agger 40-yard screamer wrongly ruled out for offside



Carra does a 'Scholesy' and comes out of retirement!

ONE STEP FORWARD

GO BACK TO START

Daniel Sturridge tipped to go on *Strictly Come Dancing*


Carlsberg

How the new signings and youngsters start the season will be fascinating

Didi HAMANN



During my first year with Liverpool, 1999/00, we opened the season with games against Sheffield Wednesday, Watford and Middlesbrough. On paper it looked like a straightforward start. It ended with us taking just three points after we lost both the second and third fixtures 1-0.

It was a difficult spell but I don't remember Gerard Houllier getting too down about it. We'd signed a lot of new players, including me, and he knew it would take time for everyone to settle in. It wasn't a perfect beginning but things weren't as bad as some people suggested.

The start of the season is obviously an important time because if you do well it can set you up to challenge for honours. But if it doesn't go to plan you can still turn things around. We recovered well to finish fourth in that year I've mentioned and would've got in to the Champions League but for losing at Bradford City on the last day.

The point is that a bad start to the season doesn't guarantee anything. The opposite applies too. If you can take maximum points during August it doesn't mean you'll definitely finish in the top four or win the league.

Clearly we would all prefer to begin well. Doing so breeds confidence, that's important when new players are still finding their feet. Unfortunately you can't get an idea of how good summer signings are until the real action begins. Having lots of friendlies is great for fitness and getting to know team-mates, but the true test arrives when points are there to be won.



The players training on the 2013 tour

"Having no European games can really help – it did with us in 1999/00"

Even then new players require time, especially those who have come from abroad. They need a few months to adjust to a completely different style of play. If a lot of them are doing that it can be difficult for the team. Some will go straight in to the starting XI, others will be on the bench. Finding the right balance when it comes to introducing new lads is crucial.

As well as new players there are a host of youngsters in Brendan's squad hoping to build on the progress they've made so far in their careers. Having potential is one thing – eventually you have to start performing regularly. Some of those I refer to have been around the first team for a while now and they know what the club is all about. That can help them to produce their best. Everyone will get a chance at some stage, even though our fixture list contains no European ties. Some people will moan about that fact but, going back to 99/00 again, I felt having no Champions League or UEFA Cup games helped us. We were able to concentrate on doing well and reestablishing ourselves near the top.

Performing in the league will be the manager's priority too. He knows we need to challenge for the top four and is doing his utmost to make that a reality. The 61 points we got last year is a better total than both Gerard Houllier with 54 and Rafa Benitez (58) managed in their debut campaigns. Having these ambitions is what makes this time of year really exciting. Fulfilling them is an even better feeling and one we will hopefully experience.

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I KNOW THE NAMES OF THOSE WHO GUIDED ME ALONG THE ROAD TO THE FIRST TEAM – STEVE HEIGHWAY, DAVE SHANNON & HUGHIE McAULEY

Steven Gerrard – by the men who made him

THERE WASN'T ANYTHING HE COULDN'T DO



Hughie (left) was a coach at the Academy for over two decades



HUGHIE MCAULEY

(Academy youth-team and reserve-team coach 1988-2009)

If you go to Melwood to watch the first team train you'll see that Steven wants to win every five-a-side game. If he doesn't he's upset or he'll be having a go at the others on his team. That winning mentality has been part of his character since he was a young boy. Every time he took to the pitch he showed it. People who play for Liverpool need a winner's attitude and he has that.

Then there is desire and commitment to play and train – again he had plenty of those qualities too. It was up to us to put other good players and teams around him to make him even better. Hopefully we did that. In such an environment he was able to express himself, improve and develop. Talent-wise there wasn't anything he couldn't do. And tactically – which isn't the case with every youngster – he knew the game inside out.

The only area he really needed to work on was his decision-making regarding when to challenge for the ball. A lot of that came from his natural enthusiasm. He wanted to win every 50/50, 70/30 or even 80/20 in the opposition's favour and felt he could. He didn't want to hurt other players, he just wanted to compete. Football is an aggressive game. At times though he was overzealous and we thought if he didn't curb that instinct he would end up getting injured.

When boys are still growing up it can sometimes be hard to speak to them about their own game. But Steven eventually took our message on board. Coaches have to earn a player's trust and he knew we were only trying to help him.

Another big part of his development was his family. They were always there for him and that support is vital for a youngster because there will be disappointments along the way. You won't win every game or every trophy. You won't always convert every chance. Sometimes things will go wrong. Learning to deal with those moments is part of becoming a footballer. Steven was able to do that. Once he went out on the field he had this ability to leave everything else behind.

Another big part of making it is taking your chance in the first team when it eventually comes along. Steven earned his opportunity and then grabbed it. His first senior goal against Sheffield Wednesday was part of that. A terrific solo effort, it was Steven announcing: I can play at this level – this is what I can do and I'm here to stay.

Favourite Gerrard moment

I don't think I can just pick one. For me his goalscoring ability is what really stands out. At junior level Steven scored so many brilliant goals it just became the norm, we expected it. The goals you've seen him score for the first team in Istanbul or the FA Cup final, he was doing the same spectacular thing at the age of nine or 10.

Dave (right) will never forget his first sighting of Steven the player



DAVE SHANNON
(Academy youth-team coach 1987-2009)

I was sitting at home one night when a guy called Ben McIntyre, who was involved with Whiston Juniors, phoned me. Hughie, Steve and I used to go to a lot of Sunday league games to find talented youngsters. We couldn't cover every fixture so we'd ask those working in local under-age football to let us know if there was a player they really rated. Ben told me: "There's this kid in our Under-9s and he's outstanding – you'll have to see him play."

We organised for Steven to come to train with us at the Vernon Sangster Centre in Stanley Park and he was simply phenomenal. Full of energy, he was getting stuck into the older players. We had a lot of talented boys at the club but from the first minute Stevie was special. All we had to do was ensure he kept working on his technique and continued improving. He did because he loved training.

He excelled during the passing drills. We'd strike balls at him from 10 or 20 yards away and he'd control them with one touch before knocking the ball straight back to us. When I speak to him now he jokingly calls me 'Ping' because I'd always emphasise the need to ping passes to stop defenders intercepting them. He could do it then and you see him doing it now. Steven was small, the same size as Michael Owen at one stage. That didn't concern us at all. Our views were always based on the talent, not height. The Barcelona team of recent years are a great example of that. It became irrelevant with Steven when he went through a growth spurt later on and he shot up.

From the start we were certain he had what was needed to go all the way. We knew if he avoided serious injury and illness he'd make it. Steven's natural talent was a big reason for that belief. There was also his inclination to take responsibility. As a kid he wanted to impress people. He wants to be the main man in the team and usually is. He relishes being a leader.

Favourite Gerrard moment

It was a B-team game against Man United at Melwood. The ball dropped to him about 25 yards out. He chested it down before smacking a shot straight in to the top corner. Of course he's done it plenty of times for the first team since. It was something we spent hours getting right so it's always good to see such hard work pay off.

HE STILL CALLS ME 'PING' TO THIS DAY

I NEVER LIKE PREDICTING BUT I KNEW HE'D MAKE IT



STEVE HEIGHWAY

(Academy director 1989-2007)

Roughly ten years ago I had to leave a first-team game early. It was raining as I ran down Anfield Road towards the car park in Stanley Park. On the other side of the street I spotted someone else doing the same – it was Steven's dad. As we jogged along he told me: "Everything you and the other coaches said would happen in our Steven's career has come true. Thanks for all your help."

It was great to have been given their trust. Working with Steven was a real pleasure. We saw him develop from an enthusiastic boy in to a world-class player. His talent was there right from the beginning but I never like predicting players will make it until they are slightly older. By the time he reached 14 or 15 I was certain he would go on to be a Liverpool player. The only other individual I've ever said the same about at that stage was Michael Owen.

Steven's love for LFC was something that really shone through. When it came to him signing a new deal every year – as young players do when they progress through the various age groups – it was always straightforward. In total I must have signed or re-signed him about seven or eight times.

We always knew he was one of the best young players around. Steven has said he was gutted not to be selected for the school of excellence at Lilleshall. That didn't concern us in the slightest. Only a few boys were chosen and not all of them went on to make it. In a selfish way we were happy because it meant we could still work with someone we thought so highly of. We were certain he was good enough to have gone there. In the end it didn't hinder his development at all.

The growing pains that caused Steven some niggling injuries weren't a huge concern either. He was slightly frustrated because he saw his mate Michael [Owen] pushing on. But we knew Steven would be okay once, if you like, he settled in to his new body.

If we were certain about Steven's future, Michael felt the same way. I remember him saying: "I can't wait until Steven is in the team because he knows all the runs I make and how to find me." It wasn't long before that awesome sight became a reality.



I don't see much of Steven now, but he knows if he ever needs advice all he has to do is pick up the phone.

Favourite Gerrard moment

We took a team to an U-18 tournament in Spain and brought Michael and Steven along for the experience. They were 14 and we never intended for them to play. Before games and during half-time they were on the pitch entertaining the fans with their skills. To see two small lads enjoying themselves and so well behaved was brilliant.



A Testimonial Question XI

1 True or false: the first testimonial played at Anfield was for an Evertonian?

It's true – Liverpool played Bootle Boys Brigade in March 1893 for Everton's retired right-half Daniel Kirkwood. The Everton Collection website explains that he is 'mentioned in March 1893 when the directors refused to pay into his benefit fund, saying the club's limited company status prohibited such payments. On 18 September the directors resolved to play a benefit match for him which, despite much negotiation, never took place. Sadly Kirkwood had broken his leg and didn't play professional football again'. We can only surmise that former Everton man and subsequent Liverpool founder John Houlding was a friend of Kirkwood and arranged the match on his behalf.



2 Who was Lol Cottrell and what did he do in 1977?

He missed a twice-taken penalty in Tommy Smith's testimonial match. Lol, a bakery delivery driver and amateur footballer in the Crosby & District League, won the chance to play as part of a BBC TV show called *The Big Time* presented by Esther Rantzen.

4 Which player once missed his own testimonial match involving Liverpool FC?

It was Carlisle United forward Billy Hogan, who was voted the club's best-ever player by fans in the town's Evening News. Hogan played for the Cumbrians under Bill Shankly, and when Liverpool played at Brunton Park in his honour in March 1954 (a 3-3 draw) he missed the train to the ground and was stranded at home!

3 How many times have Liverpool played Everton in a testimonial – and for whom?

Five times – for Jamie Carragher (2010), Bruce Grobbelaar (1992), Phil Neal (1985), Steve Heighway (1981) and Brian Labone (1973).



5 Which three Evertonians played for Liverpool in Peter Thompson's testimonial against Bolton in 1978?

Toffees goalkeeper George Wood, defender Terry Darracott and forward Duncan McKenzie all played for the Reds in a 5-5 draw at Burnden Park. David Fairclough scored a hat-trick with LFC's other two goals coming from Darracott and McKenzie!



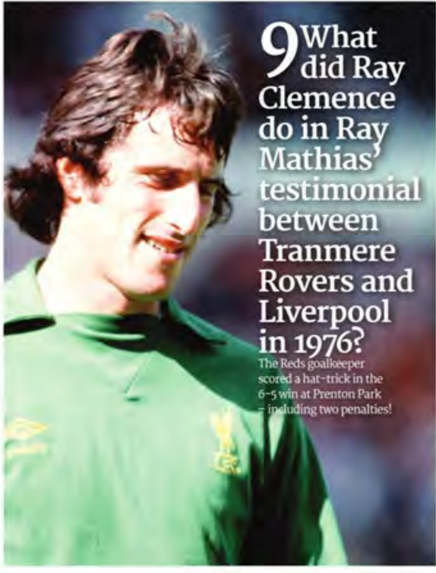
6 Which team did Liverpool face for Billy Liddell's testimonial in 1960?

For Billy's benefit match Liverpool played an International XI featuring Bert Trautmann, Jimmy Armfield, Don Revie, Jimmy McIlroy, Stanley Matthews, Nat Lofthouse and Tom Finney. The home side won 4-2. 

7 Which great rival managed a Select XI against Liverpool for Bill Shankly's testimonial in April 1975?

Don Revie – the former Leeds boss, then in charge of England, managed a side that lost 6-2 to the Reds, with Jimmy Case and Emlyn Hughes both scoring twice in front of a 39,612 crowd at Anfield.





9 What did Ray Clemence do in Ray Mathias' testimonial between Tranmere Rovers and Liverpool in 1976?

The Reds goalkeeper scored a hat-trick in the 6-5 win at Prenton Park – including two penalties!

8 What feat of courage did Liverpool skipper Andrew Hannah undertake a year before his testimonial in 1894?

The Scottish defender, who was the first Liverpool player to receive a benefit match – Liverpool won 8-0 at Accrington Stanley – entered a den of lions to settle a wager and received a gold medal worth £5.

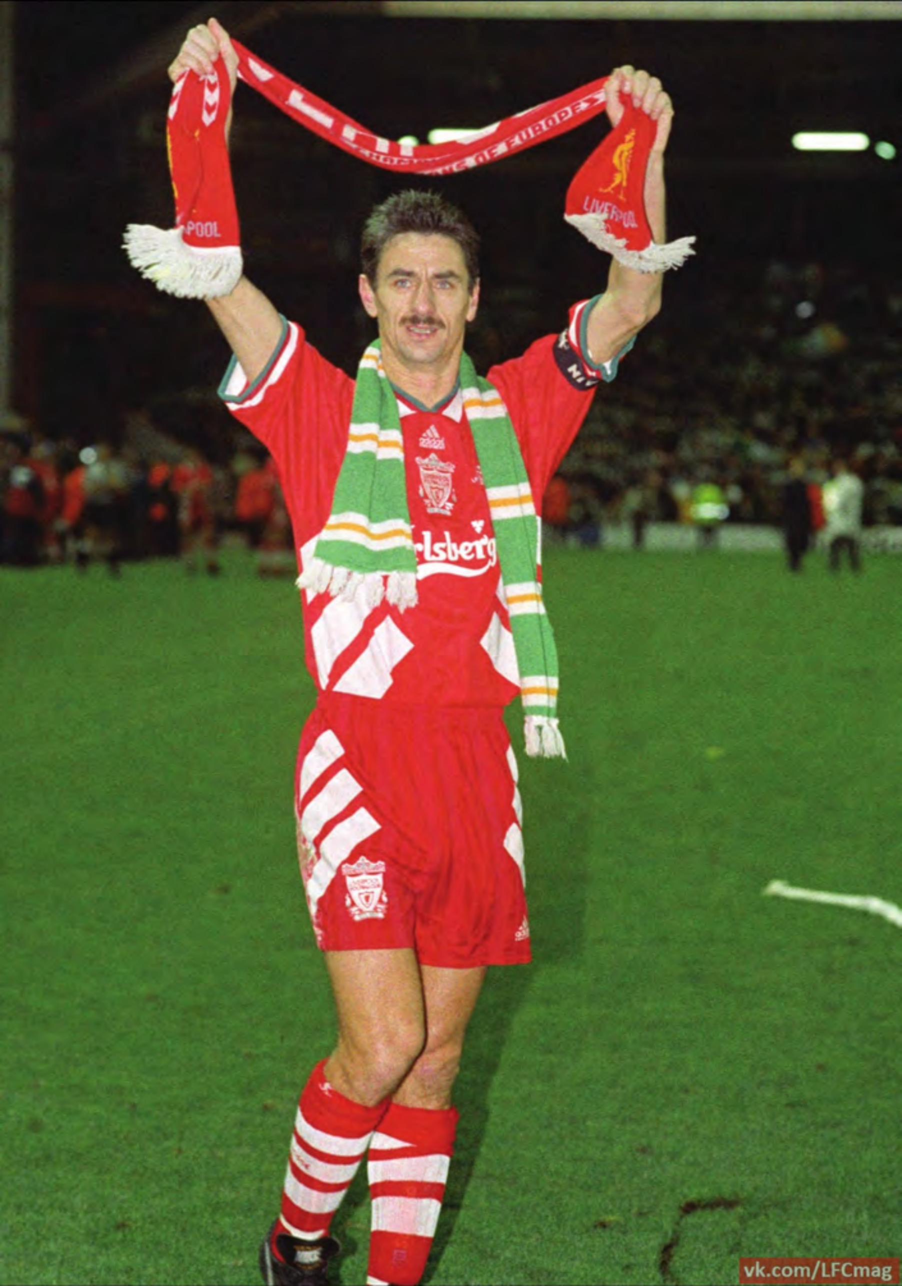
10 Which LFC legend's 1970 testimonial finished 8-8 in a snowstorm?

Gerry's Byrne's – in April 1970 a 41,000 Anfield crowd watched Liverpool and an All-Star XI share 16 goals in a blizzard. Ian St John scored twice for the Reds as did goalkeeper Tommy Lawrence – adding a sensational solo effort to an earlier penalty. Also representing the Liverpool team was a young Warwick University graduate called Steve Heighway, who was being assessed by Bill Shankly ahead of his signing for the club.



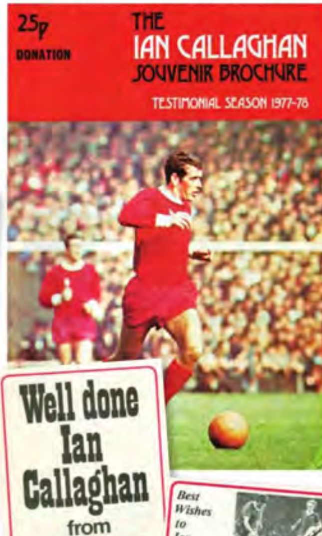
11 Who was subbed for his own good in Jan Molby's testimonial?

Robbie Fowler – he was involved in a fracas with Dutch defender Bjorn van der Doelen in Molby's testimonial between Liverpool and PSV in August 1996. The game ended in a 3-2 victory for the Eindhoven outfit with future Reds midfielder Bolo Zenden on the scoresheet.


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LFC TESTIMONIALS: SOME CHOICE CUTS















13 May 1974
Liverpool 1
Celtic 4
Ron Yeats
28,170

12 Aug 1974
Celtic 1
Liverpool 1
Billy McNeill
60,000

29 April 1975
Liverpool 6
Don Revie XI 2
Bill Shankly
39,612

21 April 1976
Tranmere 6
Liverpool 5
Ray Mathias
8,250

27 May 1977
Liverpool 9
B Charlton XI 9
Tommy Smith
35,694

19 Sept 1977
Liverpool 2
Lancashire XI 4
Ian Callaghan
21,837

12 May 1978
Bolton Wanderers
5 Liverpool 5
Peter Thompson
20,516

14 Aug 1978
Celtic 2
Liverpool 3
Jock Stein
62,000

11 Oct 1978
Liverpool 3
Swansea 2
Chris Lawler
20,435

27 March 1979
Liverpool 0
Borussia
M'gladbach 1
Emlyn Hughes
25,290

10 May 1983
Liverpool 0
England XI 2
Phil Thompson
18,553

17 May 1984
Newcastle 2
Liverpool 2
Kevin Keegan
36,772

12 Aug 1985
Liverpool 2
Everton 3
Phil Neal
23,480

23 July 1987
Bayern Munich
3 Liverpool 2
Dieter Hoeness
25,000

9 Aug 1987
Celtic 1
Liverpool 0
Tommy Burns
42,000

16 May 1988
Liverpool 3
England 2
Alan Hansen
31,552

14 Aug 1990
Liverpool 3
Real Sociedad 1
Kenny Dalglish
30,461

27 April 1991
Arsenal 1
Liverpool 3
Ray Kennedy
18,224

22 Oct 1992
Liverpool 2
Everton 2
Bruce
Grobbelaar
20,516

11 May 1993
Wrexham 2
Liverpool 2
Joey Jones
11,900

9 Aug 1993
Liverpool 1
Newcastle 0
Ronnie Whelan
21,757

10 Oct 1993
Liverpool 1
GB XI 2
Steve Nicol
12,243

17 Oct 1994
Brighton 1
Liverpool 2
Jimmy Case
15,645

6 Dec 1994
Liverpool 6
Celtic 0
Ian Rush
25,856

9 Aug 1996
Liverpool 2
PSV Eindhoven 3
Jan Molby
8,316

3 March 1998
Rangers 1
Liverpool 0
Walter Smith
50,000

16 May 2000
Liverpool 4
Celtic 1
Ronnie Moran
33,300

4 Sept 2010
Liverpool 4
Everton 1
Jamie Carragher
35,361


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YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE MATURE, ALERT, STRONG, BRAVE AND A TINY BIT MAD TO BE A KEEPER...



...BUT IT HELPS

New signing Simon Mignolet speaks to *Simon Hughes*



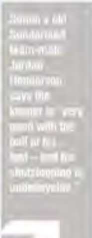
Simon Mignolet doesn't say the normal things a goalkeeper might say about the perils of someone who plays in his position. "Maybe you need a different mentality to dive at the feet and studs of a striker," he ponders. "But in terms of pressure goalkeepers are not unique. Everyone is the same. You make a mistake – maybe a series of mistakes – the manager sees it and you are out of the team. No place is guaranteed."

> **"As a kid I was determined to be a striker – my heroes were Romario and Ronaldo"**

Mignolet recognises though that it is a footballer's ability to respond to adversity that defines his career. Perhaps that is because his path towards becoming a goalkeeper is not a normal one. Like *Happy Gilmore* – the ice-hockey player who wasn't very good at ice-hockey and instead became a golfer (and a professional one at that) – Mignolet grew up with aspirations of being a centre-forward. He was always taller than others his age. He also had a robust physique. Yet at the age of 14, local club Sint-Truiden decided that he was not good enough to progress in their youth system. So Mignolet was released.

In the trying weeks that followed, plans were revised. Mignolet's father had once been an amateur goalkeeper but decided that a career as an administrator in the Belgian military was safer. "He suggested that I take the gloves one day. I agreed and we went out and practised on a small field by my home with my brother. I hadn't really thought about it before because I was determined to be a striker. Even though Belgium has famous goalkeepers – Jean-Marie Pfaff and Michel Preud'homme – my heroes were always Romario and Ronaldo. But I went in goal, enjoyed it and that was the start of a new chapter."





Within 10 months Mignolet's performances in local junior leagues led to approaches from the scouts employed by the same club that had not so long ago decided they didn't need him. Eventually he was persuaded back. After just three years as a goalkeeper he was selected for Sint-Truiden's first team. It was a remarkable rise. Necessity was the mother of invention: in the most challenging situation, his resilience spurred an ingenious solution. "It's a nice story to tell afterwards but at the time it was sad. The day I got released was one of my worst."

Today, as he strides into the Melwood anteroom dressed in full training kit, he looks every inch a keeper, slapping his considerably sized gloves on the table having just finished a tough session outside with John Achterberg, Liverpool's goalkeeping coach. He wipes a bead of sweat from his brow. What he has to say is impressively articulate.

Mignolet can already speak four languages – Dutch, French, German and English. He is just 25 years old. Education has always been important to him but what happened aged 14 fortified his beliefs that there must be something to fall back upon. As he points out, "You can see injuries happen and ruin everything. It's naive to believe that anything lasts forever, so you must prepare."

He progressed from high school with grades strong enough to study political science at the University of Leuven. He shortened his summer holidays in the summer of 2012 to complete the degree. "Going through this process has helped me as a footballer. My first goalkeeping coach in Belgium told me that the way I live and my character shapes the way you are as a goalkeeper. You are not just the goalkeeper, you are the person. The person comes first. So if you educate yourself, maturity comes a little quicker and you understand how to approach and react to life situations and professional situations."

Mignolet's second challenge as a footballer was to recover from relegation with Sint-Truiden. He says the year they went down was one in which he "learned more than any other." Steven Gerrard would probably testify that the burdens attached to any footballer representing his home-town club are testing even at the best of times. "The difference is that when you walk on the street, everyone knows your face. People will always ask you what is going on. It's great when everything is good in terms of results because people are happy. When results are bad it becomes difficult."

Sint-Truiden were promoted back to the Jupiler League within 12 months and then finished fourth. "This was a massive achievement for a club of our size and ultimately it earned me a move to Sunderland," continues Mignolet. "From a very young age I have learned about the highs and the lows. I see that as a good thing now."

At Sunderland, Craig Gordon was the club's undisputed no1 having signed for a British record fee for a goalkeeper of £9 million in 2007 from Hearts. Gordon however was injured and Steve Bruce put Mignolet in the side straightaway. There was no time to settle. "I signed hoping to play. I was determined but I was also realistic. I knew if I was given a chance I was capable. Fortunately the manager had faith and it worked out well for me."

Mignolet now faces a different kind of challenge at Liverpool as Pepe Reina moves to Italian club Napoli on loan. Brendan Rodgers has said that his recruitment is aimed at improving the strength of the squad and Mignolet is serious and determined. Nothing seems to faze him. "When I first spoke to the gaffer he explained the size of Liverpool. People from afar know Liverpool is a huge club but it's not until you come here that you truly realise it. I suppose he [Rodgers] was in a similar position last year. He knew he was coming to be a big club but the appreciation of that only truly arrives after a couple of weeks or months. There is a pressure every single day to achieve results. That's what we're here for.

"I don't think about pressure, though. If you sit there thinking about it, you'll only get worried. You have to accept it and focus. You can use pressure in a positive sense. At the end of the day that's why you become a professional football player. You live for the pressure and you try to do your best."

Mignolet insists two qualities are crucial for a goalkeeper to succeed in the Premier League. The first is to be fearless. After smashing his nose in an aerial battle with Emile Heskey in 2012 he knows all about that. "When my missus arrived in the hospital she told me that she could not see a nose," he recalls without even wincing.

"After it happened a lot of people asked the same question: is he going to be like he was before? It didn't change me. The next game in the first few minutes, a cross came and I dived at the feet of the striker – just the same. I would say that as a goalkeeper – sometimes – it can be a dangerous position because the protection is not always there. But it's part of the job. You can't have any doubts. In that sense I agree when people say that goalkeepers have to be a bit mental. You have to go with your instincts more than your mind because there is rarely much time to think too much."

The ability to recover is most important however. But that is something he's been doing ever since that life-changing day at 14 when Sint-Truiden decided he was not up to standard. "The only thing you have to accept as a goalkeeper is that if you make a mistake, usually nobody else is there to save you. You are isolated and the last line before the goal. So you have to be strong when something goes wrong. Mentality is very important. If you have a problem, you have to get over it quickly and be able to move on.

"Unfortunately goalkeepers occasionally make mistakes. I don't know one that hasn't made a mistake in his life. It has happened to me in the past and it will happen again in the future. But when it does, I'd like to think I'd be able to deal with it – to stand up and be strong."

Mignolet has saved three penalties in the Premier League to date – against Newcastle United's Demba Ba (March 2012), Liverpool's Luis Suarez (August 2011) and Arsenal's Tomas Rosicky (September 2010).

"It's not until you come here that you truly realise the size of this football club"



In pre-season action for his new club

WORLD OF SPORT

Grand National while we're at West Ham, London Marathon after City at home. How the sporting calendar fits around LFC's fixtures



17 STOKE CITY (H)
21 Start of England v Australia 5th Investec Ashes Test (Oval)
24 ASTON VILLA (A)
28 Capital One Cup 2R



1 MAN UTD (H)
British MotoGP (Silverstone)
8 US Open men's tennis final (Flushing Meadow)
16 SWANSEA CITY (A)
21 SOUTHAMPTON (H)
25 Capital One Cup 3R
29 SUNDERLAND (A)
Pittsburgh Steelers v Minnesota Vikings NFL International Series (Wembley)



RED ALERT

David Moyes brings his Manchester United side to Anfield on the first day of the month, then it's the S Club – Swans away, Saints at home, Stadium of Light – with a Capital One Cup clash also in the mix.

October

5 CRYSTAL PALACE (H)
Super League grand final (Old Trafford)
19 NEWCASTLE UTD (A)
26 WEST BROM (H)
27 San Francisco 49ers v Jacksonville Jaguars NFL International Series (Wembley)

November

2 ARSENAL (A)
9 FULHAM (H)
11 Barclays ATP World Tour tennis final (The O2)
21 Start of Australia v England 1st Commonwealth Bank Ashes Test (Brisbane)
23 EVERTON (A)
30 Rugby League World Cup final (Old Trafford)



DECEMBER



1 HULL CITY (A)
3 NORWICH CITY (H)
5 Start of Australia v England 2nd Commonwealth Bank Ashes Test (Adelaide)
6 Draw for 2014 FIFA World Cup finals (Bahia, Brazil)
7 WEST HAM (H)
13 Start of Australia v England 3rd Commonwealth Bank Ashes Test (Perth)
14 TOTTENHAM (A)
15 BBC Sports Personality of the Year (First Direct Arena Leeds)
21 CARDIFF CITY (H)
26 BOXING DAY MAN CITY (A)
Start of Australia v England 4th Commonwealth Bank Ashes Test (Melbourne)
28 CHELSEA (A)



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January

1 NEW YEAR'S DAY HULL CITY (H)
3 Start of Australia v England 5th Commonwealth Bank Ashes Test (Sydney)
4 FA Cup 3R
11 STOKE CITY (A)
12 World Professional Darts final (Lakeside)
18 ASTON VILLA (H)
26 Australian Open men's tennis final (Melbourne Park)
28 EVERTON (H)

RED ALERT

It's new boys Hull at home on the first day of the new year (a Wednesday) followed by the FA Cup third round the next weekend. The Anfield derby looms at the end of the month.

February

1 WEST BROM (A)
Start of Rugby Union RBS 6 Nations
2 Super Bowl XLVIII
(MetLife Stadium New Jersey)
7 Winter Olympics Opening Ceremony (Sochi)
8 ARSENAL (H)
12 FULHAM (A)
22 SWANSEA CITY (H)

March



1 SOUTHAMPTON (A)
2 **Capital One Cup final** (Wembley)
8 SUNDERLAND (H)
15 MAN UTD (A)
22 CARDIFF CITY (A)
23 **Liverpool Half Marathon**
29 TOTTENHAM (H)





APRIL

5 WEST HAM (A)
Grand National (Aintree)
6 **BNY Mellon Boat Race** (London)
ICC Cricket World Twenty20 final (Bangladesh)
10 **Start of Masters Golf** (Augusta)
12 MAN CITY (H)
13 **Virgin London Marathon**
19 NORWICH CITY (A)
26 CHELSEA (H)

May

3 CRYSTAL PALACE (A)
5 **World Snooker Championship final** (Crucible Sheffield)
11 NEWCASTLE UTD (H)
14 **UEFA Europa League final** (Turin)
17 **FA Cup final** (Wembley)
24 **UEFA Champions League final** (Lisbon)
Rugby Union Heineken Cup final (venue tbc)

RED ALERT

LFC end their league season at home to Newcastle United – traditionally one of the Prem's most thrilling fixtures. Everton, Chelsea, Man United and Arsenal are all away on the final day.






"Because you wear the Liver Bird other teams want to beat you more"
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5 GOLDEN RULES OF ACADEMY LIFE

Many years ago Richie Partridge (left) and Neil Mellor arrived at Liverpool from different places. They explain to *Simon Hughes* what it takes to settle, impress and move up to Melwood



> **"Dealing with criticism is a huge part of football – you have to stand up for yourself"**

1 The certainties don't always make it in football

RICHIE PARTRIDGE: The way I was brought up in Dublin was probably the same as a lot of lads around Liverpool: you finish school, you're out playing football straightaway in the park, you get called in for dinner and the routine is exactly the same the next day. I came over [to Liverpool] for the first time when I was 15 with Michael Foley who signed at the same time. But I still got homesick. It lasted for three or four months. It never got to the point where I was thinking of jacking it in. But it probably affected how I trained and performed. It's important to try and mix with the lads that are experiencing the same emotions – take the stick and give it out.

NEIL MELLOR: I was with Manchester City from 10 until 16. Joey Barton was in the same team as me, along with Tyrone Mears. They were both good players but I wouldn't say they were as highly thought-of as others. Joey for instance was on a month-to-month contract but he managed to break into the first team and took his chance with both hands. It's a common theme in football. You hear young players often get labelled as certainties to make it in the first team. Quite often, they don't and someone else does. Here at Liverpool's academy there was a lad called Ian Armstrong who was a year below Richie and a year above me. Everybody spoke about his potential. He had the nice car. He was the next big thing – the next Michael Owen. But he didn't play a first-team game.

RP: Players being touted as future professionals – it's happened before and it is probably happening now. It's crucial that any young player realises that no matter what club he's at, if he makes a career out of football, earning a living, then he will have beaten 99.9 per cent of kids that set out to do that. There are very few that make it at elite level with a Liverpool, Everton or United. For the rest of them the competition is such that if you forge any professional career, you've done well.

2 You've got to earn respect

NM: You hear the banter around the Academy now, it still exists. But when we were young it was more ruthless. I lost count of the times it probably went a little bit too far. Lights would go out in rooms, boots would get thrown and kicked, someone would end up with a cut head. It was a regular occurrence but that's the way you learned to survive. There was a hierarchy and the first-year scholars would get the most stick. It was a healthy system.

RP: Those values remain to an extent. You have to earn respect by working your way up the food chain then starting all over again if you reach Melwood. When I first came over as a YTS I cleaned the training-rooms and the boots. It was a full day's work, getting in before 9am and not leaving until after 5pm. We were around the first-team players and had the privilege of going into their dressing-room. You wouldn't open your mouth for fear of getting ripped to shreds.
No matter what you've done as a teenager, nothing really counts until you've cemented your place as a regular in Liverpool's first team.

NM: Dealing with criticism is a huge part of football. Not everyone is going to like your style of play, whether that's fans, teammates or coaches. You have to get into the mind-set of sticking to your guns, standing up for yourself and dealing with the mental side of things. That process starts with being strong inside the dressing-room and not being afraid to muck in. Now at the Academy the players are lucky that the club helps develop mental strength. If the lads try and use it, they can benefit greatly.

RP: Neil and myself were the type of lads that got on with things and tried to deal with any issues individually. If someone was giving out stick we'd give it back, but there were also a lot of lads that weren't as confident. There are players here now like that but there are personnel in place that can help bring the character out of the player to develop them as a person with a view to aiding performance on the pitch.

Academy full back Ryan McLaughlin, who was in last month's issue with fellow youngster Jordon Ibe, has signed a new contract with the club. The Under-21 regular has played at every youth level for Northern Ireland

3 Never leave your phone lying around!

NM: We were in one of the big 10-bedroom houses on Anfield Road. Stephen Wright's parents lived next door and his mum was our landlady – an interlinking door joined the houses – she looked after the cooking and cleaning. We couldn't have asked for more. It was a real experience living with so many people. Aside from an invasion of mice it was great. I was the only English lad – Richie and his Irish mates teamed up!

RP: There was me, Michael [Foley], Paul O'Mara and Kevin Doherty. In games of 'Killer Pool' we'd conspire against Neil – every day there was a competition to see who made toasties and the loser would be first into the kitchen, so we'd deliberately make sure that Neil had all the most difficult shots. Neil was always left on the cushion. Usually we'd have a second round where the loser would again find themself in the kitchen, this time making cereal. That loser reliably was Neil! It was all carried out in good spirits.

NM: I can't remember many occasions when someone took something the wrong way. It only happened with me

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once. I arrived back in my room to find the place upside-down – the wardrobe was dismantled and placed on my bed. I think everyone was behind it. I stormed out but then I calmed down and realised I was being daft.

RP: We didn't have PlayStations to fill the time so we found other ways to amuse ourselves. It was just at the time when people started having mobile phones. That provided opportunities. I remember stitching up Paul [O'Mara]. He'd just started seeing the girl who he's now married to. I got hold of his phone and changed her number with mine. I told all the lads about it and we gathered round. We were all sitting in the living room and when everyone was settled I sent him a text. It read something like: 'Hi Paul, sorry but we're going to have to leave it at that'. His face just dropped and he skulked off upstairs. I kept the texts going for a little while but in the end I had to tell him. He didn't find the funny side.

4 Everyone wants to beat you

RP: From the age of 12 I grew up with the Irish representative teams. We had players like Robbie Keane, Richard Dunne and Stephen McPhail. Here, you're chucked into a group with players a year older, the same age, and a year younger, all challenging for your place. You go from being in a team where you are the best player in your position into a team where you are trying to be the best player in your position. The challenge can only improve you. You're playing with a better standard of player on a daily basis and because you wear that badge [the Liver Bird] other teams want to beat you a lot more. You're a target.

NM: The opportunities here offer any player the best possible chance of becoming a professional footballer. You're out on the pitch every day, but it also gives you the best possible opportunity of succeeding in another field as well because the educational standards here are very good. If you put everything into both, you've got a chance of making it in any industry.

> "The opportunities here offer any player the best chance to make it"

5 Sometimes you've just got to be selfish

RP: In order to get to Melwood you've got to be at the top of the Academy. So you've gone from being at the top of one part of the club to the bottom of another. You have to earn respect. First-team players know that it all boils down to getting selected and playing well – you are there to take their place. Nobody wants to be dropped for a teenager. So you have to keep your head down, work hard and most of all prove yourself as a footballer again.

NM: Hughie McAuley gave us all a great piece of advice many years ago. He'd always say: 'Look only for your name on the teamsheet every week'. Okay, you want to be friendly with people but the ultimate aim is to get out on the pitch. So there's definitely a selfish element to being a footballer. You learn by watching how the senior first-team players train but you need to believe in yourself to do the right things as well. It's a nerve-wracking experience because one minute you're watching them on TV as superstars, the next minute you're expected to be demanding the ball off them. Those who do that usually settle in quicker. It means the experienced ones don't see you as a young shy kid. They see you as a fellow professional.

RICHIE THE PHYSIO

While Neil has embarked on a media career following his retirement from football Richie now works as a physiotherapist for Liverpool's Under-21 team.

"My whole career was plagued by injuries," he says. "I had bad luck at crucial times. I remember coming back from one serious knee injury and going back to square one with the recovery when my dog charged into me while out on a walk. It swelled up and quite soon I was off to Dr Richard Steadman in the US for another operation. My career went like that.

"Aged 22 I realised I had to make contingencies. I was just thinking about the possibility of raising a family and I realised I wasn't going to be a player forever. Another bad injury could have ended it all very quickly. As soon as I left Liverpool (for spells at Sheffield Wednesday, Rotherham United, Chester City and Stockport) I went to Salford to study physiotherapy. I figured it was a good back-up as I was passionate about it and had a good understanding of how a sportsperson's body functioned. I was fortunate that circumstance meant I was in a position to come back to the club in this capacity."





Neil MELLOR

Coady and Ngoo could benefit immensely from their loan spells

Ten years ago this month I played in a pre-season friendly for Liverpool at Aberdeen. We won 5-1 and I scored twice. I was feeling great and ready to feature in some part in the campaign to follow. But the next day Gerard Houllier called me into his office and said I was being sent out on loan to West Ham United. Although my spell at Upton Park proved not to be as successful as I'd liked, it was certainly beneficial in terms of helping me mature.

It's important to find the right club for the right player at the right time. Encouragingly this summer a few Liverpool youngsters seem to have found the right club to join on loan. Conor Coady has moved to Sheffield United and Michael Ngoo to Yeovil.

The Under-21 league is improving but it isn't competitive by the standards of the Football League where you can't be a passenger because every point counts. Your team-mates have to pay their mortgages so if you let the team down in a game you get found out.

In signing for Sheffield United, Coady will benefit from playing for a big club with history and tradition. United are currently in League One but there is an expectation that they should be in the Championship. Yes, Conor is a young player but because he arrives from Liverpool there will be an instant demand on him to perform. It means there is pressure attached to every single time he pulls on a shirt. As England Under-20 captain, you'd expect him to feature quite a lot. But if United lose any game at home, it's possible that the team will get booed off the pitch. He'll have to learn to deal with that. You often learn more about a player's mentality in the difficult times. I think Coady has the armour to overcome these kind of problems.





Coady in U-21 action last season (above) and Ngoo at Hearts

Ngoo's deal with Yeovil is slightly different. They are expected to struggle in the Championship and the crowd might not be so demanding. But Michael had a good start to last season with Liverpool's Under-21s then went to Hearts in Scotland and he's developing quite nicely.

I believe that young strikers are under more pressure than young players in other positions mainly because they have to justify their inclusion by scoring goals. Across all the big clubs in the country, you don't see many academy strikers being given a chance early on. Clubs would rather look to the transfer market where they can buy a ready-made international forward.

I also believe that players develop at different rates. It is clear that Ngoo is a goalscorer and has decent technical ability. Standing so tall, if he fills out physically a bit more and learns how to use his body, he could turn out to be a real handful. That will only happen with experience, though.

For both of these players and anyone else who moves out on loan, it's very important they adopt the right attitude. If anyone believes they will always have their contract at Liverpool to return to without giving their all in the period away, they'll find themselves a step closer to the exit door. For the players that remain at Liverpool it's important that they make the most of the facilities at the Academy. It's a different world the minute you step away from this football club.

> **"Players soon realise it's a different world the minute you step away from this club"**

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the one and only...

Tommy Smith

The first time that Tommy Smith played in one of the famous five-a-side games at Melwood in the early 1960s he nutmegged fellow Scouser and full-back Gerry Byrne, smashed the ball into the net and trotted off smugly. "Next thing the ball bounces between us, we both go up for it and I'm lying there with blood pouring from my head and Bill Shankly saying, 'Aye, that'll teach you not to nutmeg Gerry Byrne again son'. I learned very quickly.

"My father died when I was 15 so I guess I listened to what people like Shanks and Bob Paisley said more than others. But I've always said that it took me 12 months to get a reputation and a lifetime to get rid of it."

Brought up in the shadow of Anfield, Tommy idolised Billy Liddell and once appeared as a 15-year-old in the same reserve team – "I was inside-left and he was outside-left, he was a lovely fella."

By the time he broke into the first team Tommy wasn't all blood and thunder – he could play a bit too. A strong, skilful and adventurous full-back and centre-back, he'd score almost 50 goals in 600-plus appearances for the Reds from 1963 to 1977 and is one of an elite group of central defenders to score in a European Cup final (1977) – "I'd compare that goal to serving an ace in tennis and hitting a hole-in-one in golf, everything about it was perfect."

He left Liverpool a year later having won three European trophies in all plus four league titles and two FA Cups.

1. First to the black-and-white-panelled ball in a pre-season friendly at German side Hannover 96 in August 1967.

2. Penalty saved by Spurs keeper Pat Jennings in a 1-1 draw at Anfield on Grand National day in March 1973 – Kevin Keegan had one saved by the great Irishman in the same game.

3. Booked by referee Bob Matthewson in a volatile FA Charity Shield encounter with Leeds United at Wembley in August 1974 – Keegan and Billy Bremner were later sent off.

4. No quarter given against Leeds again – this time thundering into a tackle on winger Eddie Gray during a typically grinding goalless draw with Don Revie's men at Anfield in April 1966.

5. Parading the European Cup at Liverpool's Picton Library in May 1977 with Reds manager Bob Paisley and team-mates Jimmy Case, Terry McDermott, Emlyn Hughes, Tommy Smith and Phil Thompson.

6. Running round Wembley with the FA Cup 12 years earlier with (from left to right) the late Geoff Strong, Ron Yeats, Gordon Milne, Peter Thompson (and teddy bear), Roger Hunt and Willie Stevenson, Leeds United the opponents once more.

7. Photographed before a match at Chelsea on 16 April 1965, eleven days after his 20th birthday.

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It took me 12 months to get a reputation and a lifetime to lose it
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Beneath the suburban

Liverpool Ladies midfielder Amanda Da Costa takes time out in her famous neighbourhood



blue skies

After a two-week break in New York with my family, it was back to reality for me as I returned to my home on Penny Lane in south Liverpool, which can only mean: training, consuming way too many cappuccinos, and hopefully closing out the second half of our women's season at the top of the league.

One of the benefits of playing for Liverpool is that we get to train every day. Our entire team, along with our staff, is dedicated to putting in the extra work in order to ensure a successful season. As a player you obviously crave the games – stepping on the pitch in front of a crowd with your teammates and having the opportunity to gain something in return for all of the hard work we put in at training. However it's equally important to put in the necessary work outside of matchdays in order to grow as competitors. After all, nobody perfected anything overnight.

It feels as though we are going through our second pre-season of the year. Pre-season #1 spanned a couple of months and involved countless hours of fitness and technical training

along with some friendlies as well. Pre-season #2 has positioned itself right in the middle of our campaign as a majority of the players in the FAWSL have gone away with their respective national teams for the 2013 European Championships in Sweden. Liverpool are lucky enough to have four of our players represent their countries in the tournament, which is amazing for the growth of the game and for this club as a whole. Lucy Bronze, Gemma Bonner, and Fara Williams travelled with the England squad, while Katrin Omarsdottir was named for Iceland. Even though I'd much rather be taking the positive momentum we'd gathered as a team before our break into our second half of matches, it's an amazing opportunity for my team-mates to get to represent the FAWSL and Liverpool FC at a tournament with such high profile. It also shows the sense of unity this team has developed over the course of the season by having the rest of the Liverpool Ladies – and our amazing fans – rooting for England and Iceland. As I said, I've missed playing matches but the break has proven to be much needed in giving my body a rest, and I'm grateful to be training every day to improve myself before we kick off again.

Our first match back after this mid-season break will be against none other than Arsenal, on Sunday 4 August. We've had some highs and lows with Arsenal so far this season – the low being extremely low and the high being incredibly high. We first faced the 2012 league champions at Anfield in an FA Cup semi-final match. We tried to eliminate a strong Gunners side from the cup in front of our fans on the Kop but came up short 2-1. Seeking revenge only a week later in a regular season match, we won 4-0 at Emirates to stun the women's football world.

"I've missed playing matches because of the break but at least it's given my body a rest

Having an 'even table' with both sides tallying a win, our first league game back at our home field versus Arsenal will undoubtedly be a momentum-altering evening. This season Arsenal have failed to perform as the powerhouse they've been in the past, while Liverpool have found success game in and game out. We're all setting our focus on this first game back, as it marks our re-entrance into league play and is the first step towards winning a league title.

Arsenal isn't the only big game we have waiting for us. We have managed to advance through the Continental Cup stages and are due to face Lincoln Ladies at home in the semi-finals three days later. Having faced Lincoln twice already this season, we know it'll be no easy task to face this hard-hitting side in a game with so much at stake. Forcing 1-0 and 3-2



Celebrating with team-mates during the convincing win at Arsenal

> **"It's important now to focus my energy into training and getting ready to go again"**

wins over them has not been easy for us. Lincoln are a talented team that excels by getting you off of your gameplan and having a workrate that is hard to match for 90 minutes. Not to mention the added element of revenge. Lincoln are no longer in contention for any of the top spots in the league table but can set things right with this chance of advancing to the Continental Cup final. It's a game that we will definitely not be taking lightly, and I'm looking forward to the possibility of some Continental Cup hardware in our locker.

When I first signed with Liverpool, I did so because I wanted to win a championship. With the possibility of this coming true so soon, it's been hard for me to channel all of my excitement while we put that goal on hold. Pre-season #2 seems to be taking much longer than I thought it would! It's in these times that it's important for me to focus all of my pent-up energy into training so that I can return in the best possible form to help this team try to win our first title together.

The photos of Amanda were taken at Penny Lane Development Trust – a busy community centre and tourist destination at 70 Penny Lane in Liverpool. Visitors are welcome to drop in and look around the fabulous Beatles-themed garden and outdoor area. Please visit www.pldt.org.uk.

FAWSL LEAGUE TABLE

Liverpool Ladies	6	5	0	1	17	6	15
Bristol Academy Women	6	5	0	1	15	8	15
Everton Ladies	6	2	2	2	12	11	8
Chelsea Ladies	7	2	1	4	10	12	7
Arenal Ladies	4	2	1	1	6	8	7
Birmingham City Ladies	6	1	3	2	5	9	6
Lincoln Ladies	7	0	3	4	5	10	3
Doncaster Rovers Belles	4	0	2	2	3	9	2

Fixtures

23.03.13 Everton (H) CC 1-1
31.03.13 Sunderland (A) FAC 2-1
14.04.13 Lincoln (A) WSL 1-0
26.04.13 Arsenal (H) FAC 1-2
04.05.13 Doncaster (H) CC 1-0
07.05.13 Arsenal (A) WSL 4-0
12.05.13 Chelsea (A) WSL 1-2
19.05.13 Chelsea (A) CC 4-0
29.05.13 Lincoln (H) WSL 3-2
04.06.13 Everton (A) WSL 4-1
08.06.13 Birmingham (H) WSL 4-1
04.08.13 Arsenal (H) WSL
07.08.13 Lincoln (H) CC
10.08.13 Bristol (A) WSL
17.08.13 Chelsea (H) WSL
24.08.13 Doncaster (A) WSL
01.09.13 Birmingham (A) WSL
04.09.13 Doncaster (H) WSL
11.09.13 Everton (H) WSL
29.09.13 Bristol (H) WSL





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1959/60

A midwinter appointment that saw winds of change blowing through Anfield

The significance

Following relegation to the (old) Second Division in season 1953/54, Liverpool's hopes of a quick return to the top flight quickly evaporated. After finishing fourth in 1958/59 the Reds made a disappointing start to the new campaign. A 4-2 defeat at Leyton Orient on 14 November was the final straw for manager and loyal club servant Phil Taylor who resigned.



The hunt for a successor took the Liverpool board to Huddersfield Town's Bill Shankly and the Scot took charge for the first time on 19 December 1959. His salary was £2,500 a year and he worked without a contract. It was the start of an era that changed football history.

The season

Eighth place when Shankly assumed control, Liverpool finished the season in third and ended the campaign strongly by taking nine points from a possible 10. Matt Busby's Manchester United ended the Reds' FA Cup run at the fourth-round stage with a 3-1 win at Anfield aided by two first-half goals from Bobby Charlton.

Same league

Of the 24 teams that were in the Championship during 2012/13, 10 were in the 22-club Second Division in 1959/60 including Cardiff City and Hull City who won automatic promotion to next season's Premier League.

Shanks said...

"It is my opinion that Liverpool have a crowd of followers which rank with the greatest in the game. They deserve success and I hope in my small way to be able to do something towards helping them to achieve it. I am not a lazy man. I like to get down to it and set the example which I want following from the top of the club to bottom. I make few promises, but one of them is that everything I do I hope there will be patent common sense attached to it."

The regular XI



The tactics

Shankly's first teams continued along the lines of the 2-3-5 system that was the trend of the times – he switched to a 3-3-4 shape the following season. Captain Ronnie Moran and Alan A'Court were ever-presents who impressed Shanks during his early days at the club. The 'H&H' attacking partnership of (Roger) Hunt and (Dave) Hickson also proved vital, producing 42 goals. A young Ian Callaghan was also given his chance towards the end of the season.

	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1	Aston Villa	42	25	9	8	89	43	59
2	Cardiff City	42	23	12	7	90	62	58
3	Liverpool	42	20	10	12	90	66	50
4	Sheffield United	42	19	12	11	68	51	50
5	Middlesbrough	42	19	10	13	90	64	48
6	Huddersfield T	42	19	9	14	73	52	47
7	Charlton Ath	42	17	13	12	90	87	47
8	Rotherham	42	17	13	12	61	60	47
9	Bristol Rovers	42	18	11	13	72	78	47
10	Leyton Orient	42	15	14	13	76	61	44
11	Ipswich Town	42	19	6	17	78	68	44
12	Swansea Town	42	15	10	17	82	84	40
13	Lincoln City	42	16	7	19	75	78	39
14	Brighton	42	13	12	17	67	76	38
15	Scunthorpe Utd	42	13	10	19	57	71	36
16	Sunderland	42	12	12	18	52	65	35
17	Stoke City	42	14	7	21	66	83	35
18	Derby County	42	14	7	21	61	77	35
19	Plymouth A	42	13	9	20	61	89	35
20	Portsmouth	42	10	12	20	59	77	32
21	Hull City	42	10	10	22	48	76	30
22	Bristol City	42	11	5	26	60	97	27



LAST CHANCE TO SEE

Geoff Twentyman
Later to become a key part of Shankly's staff he didn't play a senior game under him and left for Ballymena in March.

Louis Bimpson
Powerful Rainford-born forward who departed for Blackburn weeks before Shanks arrived.

Doug Rudham
South African goalkeeper who returned to Johannesburg after six seasons with the Reds.





NEW ON THE SCENE

Bert Slater
Keeper who arrived as part of a player-exchange with Falkirk, a deal which saw Tommy Younger going the other way.

Dave Hickson
Everton's much-loved striker crossed Stanley Park in a £12,000 move a month before Shankly's arrival. He finished the campaign with 21 goals in 29 games. See our special tribute to Dave on page 89.

Tommy Leishman
Scottish left-half who joined from St Mirren in November 1959 and featured in 15 of the final 19 league matches.

Ian Callaghan
The 17-year-old was given his debut in April and a man-of-the-match display against Bristol Rovers saw him selected for three of the final four games with Billy Liddell identifying him as his long-term successor.






Mr. Shankly Arrives At Anfield





"I'M HERE TO PLAY FOOTBALL"

Defender Kolo Toure tells Simon Hughes how much he still wants to achieve in the game he loves more than ever

You arrive at Liverpool aged 32. In an era where there is such a focus on youth, how important is it for a squad to have experience as well?

For sure. Youth offers energy and enthusiasm but experience can help a team through the difficult moments. You need to forget about bad results and focus hard on the next game. But you must learn from the bad results too. You must not make the same mistake twice. If everyone thinks like that, eventually you will get it right as a team. The balance is very important. Games can be changed on instinct as well as thought. A player can't just buy experience. You only get experience by what you do, what you've been through. There are a lot of young players out there. To carry on playing at the highest level for 10, 12 or 15 years is not easy. Steven Gerrard knows about that. So it's important we try and help the team.

Jamie Carragher once said that when he was younger he acted on instinct, but as he got older he began to understand why he did what he did on a football pitch...

Of course, that's what we call experience. It's as simple as that. When you get older, you read, you see things coming. You anticipate. As well, you can help other players by talking. Especially young players, they can learn. For me it is very important to help those young players. I have seen already that we have some great talent and really good people as well – very focused boys. In training they give everything. I am very happy about that and quite surprised because for a lot of young players it is not always easy to concentrate.

How important is it to have players that know what it takes to win titles as well?

When I first moved to Arsenal I looked around the dressing-room. Tony Adams, Ray Parlour, Patrick Vieira, Martin Keown, Dennis Bergkamp and Sol [Campbell] were all sitting there. They were all winners but they were relaxed. This gave a young player like me a lot of confidence. When you know you have these players, at the back of your mind you think that everything will be okay. When you have been through something you learn the way [to success]. You learn that you must remain calm, you must work hard and take each game as a different one. The season is very long but you must play every single game like a final. If you give 100 per cent you have a chance.

> "The season is very long but you must treat every single game like a cup final"

Campbell and Keown must have been particularly influential on your early career...

I owe a lot to them. They taught me the ways of an English defender and shaped the way I am now. Premier League is not easy. I came from Ivory Coast to a very tough league and the manager put me in the first team straightaway. I was very grateful for that, but I needed help. He [Arsene Wenger] realised we had those players. By having them by my side I always felt protected. But they also gave me the confidence to be myself.

How has your upbringing in Ivory Coast impacted on your whole career?

I was born in Bouyke, the second city, and grew up in Abidjan, the capital. Abidjan is passionate about football but growing up I did not expect anyone to enjoy a long career in professional football. When you are far away in Ivory Coast, the possibilities only seem like dreams. We were lucky that our PlayStation was playing football. We did not have money to buy the PlayStation so there was no alternative. It was the only thing we could have done to enjoy


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"To be a footballer, especially from my country, you have to really love the game"
WARRIOR


Warming up with team-mate Jordan Henderson

ourselves. It is like in Brazil – there are so many players because there is nothing else they can do. You go into a favela and maybe one family can afford to buy a ball. Then kids from 100 families share that ball. Anyone who has a ball needs to share, otherwise what's the point in a ball? You learn to share. So when we were away from school it was only football – running on the street, playing with friends.

Do you believe your determination to become a footballer has taken you further than others?

To be a footballer, especially from my country, you need to have a bit of everything. Most of all you need to love the game – really love the game. Then you have to work hard and be determined, even when there are setbacks. After that, you need to have some luck as well. That combination helps you make a career. It's not easy because there are a lot of good players wherever you go, all with the same dream. Sometimes they might be better than you but they don't make it because they miss something. They might miss luck, they might miss having the right manager, they lack focus or concentration. There are times when you think it won't happen, for sure. Many times. But what carried me was from inside I said that I would give 100 per cent every day. There would be no excuses. Then at the end I would see what happens. If you give everything you can have no regrets.

Kolo has lost just four times against Liverpool in 21 appearances for Arsenal and Man City. He missed City's 3-0 defeat at Anfield in April 2011 – plus both legs of Liverpool's triumphant Carling Cup semi-final of January 2012

Having not played as much as you might like over the last two seasons at Manchester City you must be itching to be a regular in the Liverpool team...

I understand that there is a group, a squad, and everyone wants to play. But I am not coming here to sit out. The last two seasons have been very difficult for me. I didn't play much. I wanted to play but these tough times are part of the game. For me now coming here I want to prove to myself first. I want to give 100 per cent and I want to be happy. Then I also want to show to football that I still have the quality. At Liverpool I think I can prove that I am still one of the best.

Last season after playing against Liverpool for City, your brother Yaya said that it was the most difficult game he had experienced since arriving in England...

I have played at Anfield many times. It is always very tough. The fans play a huge role. Games against Arsenal were always important to both clubs. We always knew that the key to winning was trying to quieten the crowd. If you do that, then maybe you have a chance. I remember that game [with City in August] very well because I started on the right of defence. I was marking Raheem [Sterling] who was playing for the first time. Well it was clear straightaway that he had lots of ability. But he was working really hard too, attacking and defending. It was a difficult afternoon for me. But for the team it was tough too. We might have lost. It showed the quality Liverpool had even very early on with the new manager. Now it has settled down more, the manager is doing a great job, the team is improving and it plays good football. So this is good.

"I am not coming here to sit out – I want to play and give 100 per cent"



ATHENS OF THE NORT

What that era-defining group game nine years ago did for Olympiacos as well as Liverpool



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In the euphoric aftermath of Liverpool's 3-1 win over Olympiacos in December 2004, Rafa Benitez took a second to consider the impact of the Steven Gerrard strike that'd just sent the Reds through to the last 16 of the Champions League, and ultimately into the annals of history: "The goal was important for the team, the club, the supporters – and for Steven more because he is the captain and he wants to win with this club. It was a very important goal for everyone."

Liverpool, Olympiacos and Monaco had all entered the final Group A matchday with a chance of progressing to the knockout stages.

Olympiacos had beaten the Reds already and Greece were European champions

Only Deportivo, on two points, were already eliminated. Monaco travelled to Spain knowing a win would put them through. At Anfield only a victory was good enough for Liverpool – anything less would have resulted in a post-Christmas place in the UEFA Cup. And the picture was complicated by the fact that if the Greek side scored, the Reds would need to win by two goals to leapfrog above them and go through.



Euro 2004 glory meant Greek football was on a high when Olympiacos arrived at Anfield. Thanks to an Ieroklis Stoltidis goal they'd already enjoyed a 1-0 win over Liverpool in the first meeting at the end of September and they'd go on to win the Greek Super League the following May. The Reds came into the clash on the back of three games without defeat. A late Neil Mellor-inspired win over Arsenal had been followed by a penalty shoot-out victory at Tottenham in the League Cup and a draw at Aston Villa.

ANTONIS NIKOPOLIDIS

Then 33 and an ever-present in goal for the Greek national team, on the night he was beaten by Florent Sinama Pongolle, Mellor and finally Gerrard. His distinctive grey hair led to him being dubbed 'George Clooney' and a host of online fan clubs emerging. He played for Olympiacos until 2011 and later became assistant boss. Earlier this year he took temporary charge after Leonardo Jardim was sacked.

RIVALDO

Just months after almost joining Sam Allardyce's Bolton Wanderers as a free agent, the gifted Brazilian midfielder and former world player of the year momentarily silenced the Kop in the first half with his deceptive free-kick, making it 1-0 on the night. The 2002 World Cup winner had previously starred at Barcelona, one of 15 clubs he's appeared for in a career that has taken him to destinations as diverse as Uzbekistan and Angola. Still playing for Sao Caetano in his homeland at the age of 41, he is also the chairman of Sao Paolo-based club Mogi Mirim.


Rivaldo back in his homeland Brazil today

GIOVANNI

Not the Brazilian attacking midfielder who appeared in the Premier League for Manchester City and Hull, but the pacy striker who was a member of the Brazil squad that competed at the 1998 World Cup finals – although his involvement amounted to 45 minutes against Scotland. Gifted but inconsistent, Giovanni had spent time at Santos and Barcelona before arriving in Greece. Some spectacular goals in a trophy-laden spell ensured he's still revered by supporters there.





Olympiacos boss Dusan Bajevic with Georgiadis

GEORGIOS GEORGIADIS

A regular when Newcastle fans are picking their worst XI, the striker had 10 outings for the Tynesiders during 1998/99. Bought from Panathinaikos, he soon left for Thessaloniki club PAOK. Four years later he joined Olympiacos and picked up a winners medal at Euro 2004. More recently technical director at PAOK, he took over as coach in April when Giorgos Donis was sacked and led them to the Champions League qualifiers.

DUSAN BAJEVIC

After the defeat the coach told the press: "When you are watching a game like that you do not believe you can lose in that way. But we brought the problems on ourselves. We did not create a chance from open play during the match. Liverpool's winner was a very good goal scored by a quality player who is one of the best around."

Bajevic, who'd been an international striker for the former Yugoslavia national team, has a volatile personality – he's reportedly resigned twice during matches while in charge of AEK Athens and Red Star Belgrade.

OLYMPIACOS

The club from the port district of Pireaus (once a separate city from Athens before a sprawl in population saw the borders become blurred) was founded in 1925 from working-class roots. Lower-league side Ethnikos Piraeus are the local rivals but clashes with the other Athens clubs, particularly Panathinaikos, really raise the temperature. Known as 'the Derby of the Eternal Enemies' it brings all activities in the capital to a standstill.

Olympiacos can comfortably claim Athenian superiority as last season's league title was their 40th (Pana have 20 and relegated AEK 11). They also won the cup final thanks to an extra-time win over Asteras Tripoli. Although they maintained their domestic dominance after the defeat at Anfield they haven't been immune to Greece's financial crisis – the most familiar name on the present teamsheet is ex-West Ham goalkeeper Roy Carroll.

IN THE LFC XI

Chris Kirkland: had become the most expensive British goalkeeper in England when the Reds paid £6 million in 2001 but was unable to become a regular. Moved to Wigan the following year and joined Sheffield Wednesday last summer.

Djimi Traore (below): subbed at half-time in this game for Sinama-Pongolle, he won a Champions League medal six months later. Played for seven clubs in England and France before joining Seattle Sounders in February.

Harry Kewell: kick-started Liverpool's revival by beating defender Anastasios Pantos and teeing up Sinama-Pongolle for the equaliser just after the break. Recently returned to Australia to join Melbourne Heart following a short spell in Qatar with Al-Gharafa.

Antonio Nunez: Rivaldo's free-kick went through a gap in the defensive wall where he'd been standing – but he did play a part in Liverpool's second goal. Linked up with Dani Pacheco at Spanish club Huesca last season but the team were relegated.

Milan Baros: had a nomadic career after leaving Liverpool in August 2005, playing for Aston Villa, Lyon, Portsmouth and Galatasaray before returning to his first club Banik Ostrava. Last month he signed a one-year deal with Turkish club Antalyaspor.

Florent Sinama-Pongolle: sub who scored within minutes of his introduction. Now 28, he's playing in the Russian Premier League with FC Rostov. Was back at Anfield to watch the Merseyside derby in May.

Neil Mellor: our featured columnist made it 2-1 with 10 minutes left, pouncing after Nikopolidis could only parry a header from Nunez. He then cleverly teed up Gerrard's beauty.

Josemi: Spanish defender who had a brief stint at Anfield. Spent last season with Greek Second Division side Levadiakos.



DEC 2005

IN THE NEWS

The Millau Viaduct, designed by British architect Norman Foster and measuring a heart-thumping 890ft from road deck to the ground below, opened to traffic in southern France.



IN THE CHARTS

Girls Aloud topped the singles table with *I'll Stand By You.* U2 were at the summit of the album listings with *How To Dismantle An Atomic Bomb.*



AT THE MOVIES

Box office hits at the time included *The Incredibles* and *Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason.*



ON THE PITCH

Lusi Garcia was among the goals as the Reds ended 2004 with a 5-0 league win over West Brom at a wintry Hawthorns.

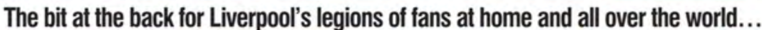



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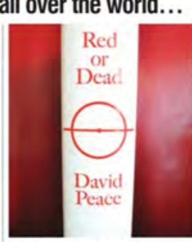


The bit at the back for Liverpool's legions of fans at home and all over the world…









The month

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BACK HOME

The Reds kick off the new campaign at 12:45pm on Saturday 17 August at home to a Stoke City side under new manager Mark Hughes. Liverpool's last opening-day success came back in season 2008/09 when they won 1-0 at Sunderland with a late goal from Fernando Torres. The last first-day victory at Anfield was in August 2001 when two goals from Michael Owen secured a 2-1 win over West Ham United.

A week later, on Saturday 24 August, the Reds travel to Villa Park. After flirting with the drop last season, Villans boss Paul Lambert has recruited more talented young players as he seeks to build a team capable of challenging for the top.



THE GOOD BOOK

We've got the big interview on page 90 – and the big book launch for *Red or Dead* is on Wednesday 14 August at the Epstein Theatre on Liverpool's Hanover Street. Writing on the Wall in partnership with Faber welcomes author David Peace for an evening hosted by Brian Reade with a live DJ set by Peter Hooton. Tickets are available from 0844 888 4411 and **www.epsteintheatreliverpool.co.uk**

ahead

ANNIVERSARIES

36 years since Kenny Dalglish (right) joined Liverpool FC on 10 August
47 years since Roger Hunt goal won Charity Shield v Everton on 13 August
42 years since Kevin Keegan scored on Liverpool debut on 14 August
25 years since Ian Rush rejoined Liverpool on 18 August
9 years since Xabi Alonso and Luis Garcia joined LFC on 20 August
52 years since Ian St John scored his first LFC goal on 30 August



BIRTHDAYS

Pepe Reina 31 on	31 August
Glen Johnson 29 on	23 August
Gerry Byrne 75 on	29 August
Alan Kennedy 59 on	31 August
Mark Wright 50 on	1 August
John Wark 56 on	4 August
Oussama Assaidi 25 on	15 August
Steve McMahon 52 on	20 August
Didi Hamann 40 on	27 August
Iago Aspas 26 on	1 August
Djibril Cisse 32 on	12 August





THE MONTH JUST GONE

Liverpool FC revealed its latest collaboration with Warrior, completing the 2013/14 range with a new third kit design. Inspiration comes from the 1995/96 away strip. The team will play in the third kit during appropriate domestic cup games and away Premier League fixtures.

The club and Carlsberg celebrated their partnership of 21 years by announcing a three-year extension to the beer brand's long-term sponsorship. Already the longest serving partnership of any Barclays Premier League club, it's now been extended to run until the end of 2015/16 – a total of 24 seasons.

Also extending their partnership with the club (by two years) was Standard Chartered Bank. The bank signed up as LFC's main sponsor in July 2010, appearing on the front of the team's shirts for the last three seasons. During this time the partnership has brought fans across the world closer to the club through various campaigns including the recent 2013 pre-season tour.





THE KILLER QUESTION

Who was the last LFC player to score a hat-trick against our opening day opponents Stoke City – in a Worthington Cup landslide in November 2000?

Answer: Robbie Fowler (Stoke City 0 Liverpool 8)



LFC TV – IT'S BOSS

LFC World is the club's new official weekly TV magazine show – a colourful, fast-paced half-hour that will appeal to Reds fans everywhere. The emphasis is on the first team with exclusive features from Melwood while the Academy and Ladies will also be showcased.

Away from the present the incredible traditions and history of LFC are celebrated in a series of fascinating items including **The Anfield Alphabet**. LFC World also goes behind the scenes to get to know the characters – from kit men to chefs to tea ladies – who make the club tick as well as investigating the community work of the Liverpool

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AUGUST
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24 Aston Villa **(A) 5:30pm**
27/28 Capital One Cup 2R (TBC)

SEPTEMBER
1 Manchester Utd **(H) 1:30pm**
16 Swansea City **(A) 8:00pm**
21 Southampton **(H) 3:00pm**
25 Capital One Cup 3R (TBC)
29 Sunderland **(A) 4:00pm**

OCTOBER
5 Crystal Palace **(H) 3:00pm**
19 Newcastle Utd **(A) 12:45pm**
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NOVEMBER
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9 Fulham **(H) 3:00pm**
23 Everton **(A) 12:45pm**

DECEMBER
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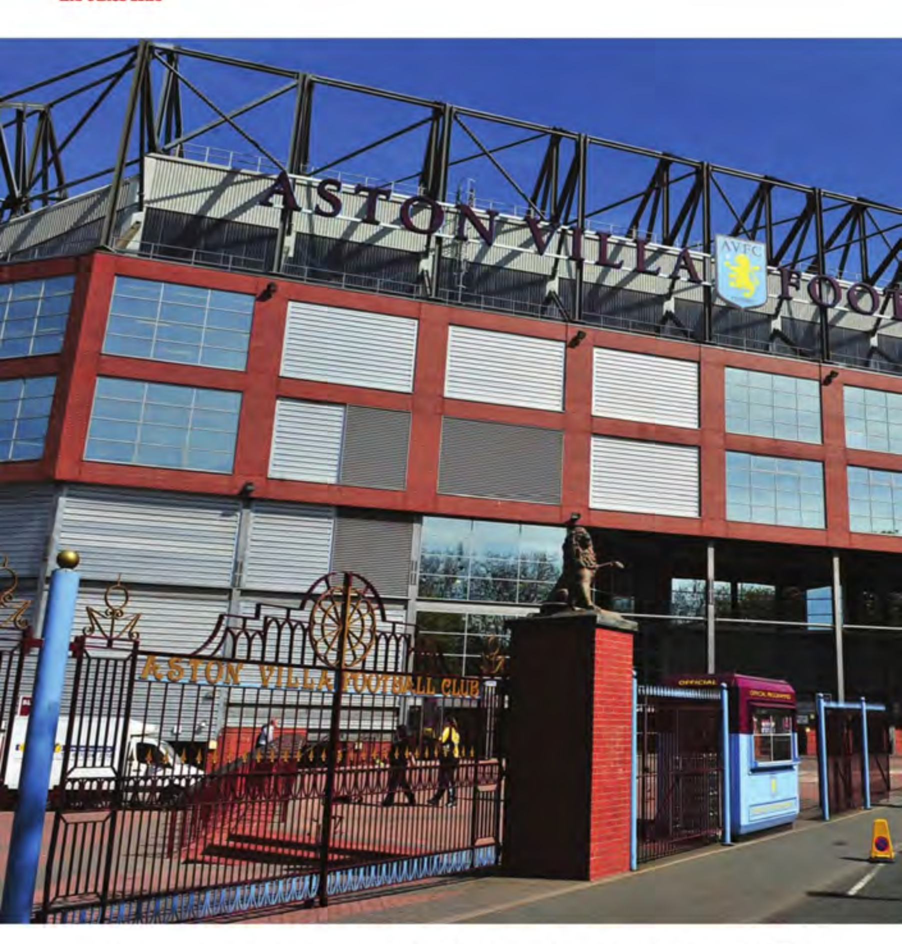
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AWAY DAYS

Author Dave Kirby salutes a historic West Midlands ground in our new series of fan guides

Villa Park



Villa Park is 116 years old in 2013

The first time I visited Villa Park was in 1974. We travelled by thumb, hitchhiking down in the day and not returning until 5am. On the way home we got a lift off some lads from Huyton – eight of us in the back of a Cortina.

It was the semi-final of the FA Cup and I was 16 years old. Liverpool had drawn against Leicester City at Old Trafford on the Saturday and the replay was the following Wednesday at Villa Park. Because all of the specials were booked up, we had to find our own way to Birmingham, an alternative route. It was worth it. Brian Hall put us 1-0 up, they equalised, then Keegan and Toshack struck. We watched it all from the Witton End. Leicester had previously been a bogey side for us and Bill Shankly was wary of them. It gave us the impetus to go on and win the final against Newcastle. Maybe younger supporters now don't realise just how prestigious an FA Cup final appearance used to be. A trip to Wembley was like going to the Champions League final – it was the holy grail of English football.

So my first memory was a happy one at Villa Park. Ever since then it's been one of those grounds where I go there feeling very confident. It's undoubtedly my favourite away day. There haven't been too many times when we've come away from there disappointed. We went back to Villa in 1980 for a semi-final second replay against Arsenal. Kenny scored an equaliser in the last minute. Although we lost the third replay in Coventry a couple of nights later, you always remember a last-minute equaliser don't you? It was one of those nights when rather than just jumping up and down when the equaliser goes in, you're throwing lips on strangers.

A year later we were there again for the League Cup final replay against West Ham. They took the lead but we soon took control with goals from Kenny and Alan Hansen. It was the first time we won the League Cup. I was also there in 1992 when we beat Portsmouth in the FA Cup semi-final replay – another brilliant moment.

"It's a classic English football ground – modernised but still traditional"

One of the best league games against Villa was on 20 January 1984. Liverpool were the best team in the country and TV wanted to show us live on a Friday night. So we travelled down in freezing winter conditions. The cold was unbearable. Dennis Mortimer, who was a Scouser and in the same Kirkby team as Terry McDermott, opened the scoring for Villa. But soon, playing in our yellow kit, we took control. Ian Rush scored a hat-trick – right foot, left foot, header, the perfect three.

Aside from the Scouse players – Mortimer, Peter Withe and John Gidman – Villa have had a couple of Scouse managers over the years. Ron Saunders was the first. Ron Atkinson was the second.







Villa Park



Atkinson had previously managed Manchester United. Once he'd done that, there was no coming back for him in the eyes of Liverpool supporters.

My fondest memory playing Aston Villa was in the FA Cup in 1988. Villa were flying high at the time. John Barnes had signed for Liverpool the previous summer and had started the season well. The Villa manager Graham Taylor admitted that he had, but in the press he also insisted that Barnes needed to work on his right foot. Just after half-time and with the score 0-0, Ray Houghton runs down the right wing and crosses for Barnes at the back post. It was an impossible header but he cranes his neck back like a swan and plants it in the bottom corner. We had seven or eight thousand right behind the goal that day. Everyone went wild. Afterwards in his analysis Barnes said that he knew he couldn't use his right foot so he decided to use his head instead. It was a funny redress. We won the game 2-0 but I'll always remember it for that incredible goal by Barnes.

Villa Park is a classic English football ground. Even though it's been modernised it remains traditional. And even though away supporters are now positioned down the side rather than behind the goal, it retains its atmosphere. Years ago it used to be a scary place to go. But the vibe has mellowed, just as it has done in many football grounds in the last 20 years. You can have a drink with Villa supporters these days and it's good conversation. It's a popular away game for Liverpool supporters.

Clubwise, there's a lot of potential at Villa. I know they won the European Cup in the early 1980s but there have been a lot of lean periods since. When you see the size of Villa Park and hear the roar of the Holte End, you realise that if you got a decent side on the pitch it could become a really tough place to go once again.

Villa are the biggest club in the Midlands in my eyes. Birmingham's St Andrews is small in comparison. The Hawthorns at West Brom is a bit too modern, and Molineux [Wolves] isn't close enough to the pitch. Like Anfield, when Villa Park is packed out, it has an atmosphere that new grounds just can't generate. I know that if I didn't have my car these days, I'd probably hitchhike there again.

"Villa are the biggest Midlands club in my eyes"



Villa host Liverpool at 5:30pm on Saturday 24 August (Sky Sports).



"To this day at every game there's a

The roots of Liverpool FC's official fan club in Poland go back a good three decades

Liverpool supporters of a certain vintage will remember which overseas supporters made their presence felt most in the LFC matchday programmes of the 1980s. Alongside rabid Reds from Ireland, Scandinavia and, interestingly, Malta, it was the Poles who wrote in most regularly, proclaiming their love for LFC and seeking UK-based pen pals in the process – all of course in the difficult days before the fall of the Berlin Wall, the expansion of the European Union and the advent of quick and affordable air travel across the Continent. Now Mariusz Przepiorka and Barbara Kwak from the Official LFC Supporters Club Poland tell us when, how and why it all began...

Can you trace the fan club's growth back to Liverpool's European matches against Slask Wroclaw (1975), Widzew Lodz (1983) and Lech Poznan (1984)?

Without a doubt – that was one of the biggest factors. When we talk with older fans from Wroclaw or Lodz they all say they were very impressed by Liverpool's players and supporters. In 1983 when Widzew knocked LFC out of the European Cup the team's goalkeeper Jozef Mlynarczyk said in all his interviews that playing at Anfield was a great experience and the standing ovation from Liverpool supporters after the game was something he would never forget. To this day at every Widzew match there's a red-and-white *You'll Never Walk Alone* banner.

After the matches with Slask, Widzew and Lech Poznan the Reds gained lots of supporters in every region of Poland. One of the cities with the most loyal fans was Kedzierzyn-Kozle [in the country's southwest] where the first Polish LFC Supporters Club was formed in the early 1980s. They're no longer active but have legendary status among Liverpool fans in Poland. They



ONE of our staunchest fans from abroad, Chris Kwiatkowski, writes from Warsaw to ask if he can renew old friendships, as he explains: "About seven years ago I made many pen-pals, and even met a few of them in Lodz and Poznan, but then I had to go into the Army for two years' military service and, unfortunately, it was impossible to keep in touch.

"Some of my pen-pals changed addresses, some got married. Now I'm married, and my wife is a Liverpool supporter, too. So, once again, I'd like to write to some pen-pals and exchange souvenirs and so on. I hope you can help."

For old and new pen-pals, Chris lives at





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DROP US A LINE

'Now I feel as if I belong', says Wojtek

every Widzew YNWA banner"

"Young fans can't really imagine how dificult it was to follow LFC in Poland in the 1980s"

wrote letters to the club which were printed in the matchday programme, started correspondence with local Liverpool supporters, and some of them managed to go to Anfield to watch the Reds play. There was also a party from Liverpool which visited Poland and it was featured in a matchday programme in 1986.

Sometimes we meet up with Wojtek Kaminski, one of the founders of this fan club, while watching Liverpool matches in the pub. Another is Mariusz Gamza whose great collection of Liverpool items was featured in the programme. His dream also came true, but only in 2006 when he was at Anfield for the first time.

I guess younger fans couldn't imagine how difficult it was here in Poland to support Liverpool in the 1980s and early 90s. There were no English matches on Polish TV, no internet – only a few lines in the Monday newspapers.

When was the Polish LFC supporters club founded?

The founders got to know each other thanks to a forum on a website dedicated to LFC fans in Poland. Since 2004 there has been a tradition to organise annual meetings which last about four days and take place in different places in Poland. One year it's in the north of the country, the next in the south. This has led to another tradition of a football match between North and South. We also have an LFC quiz and each year we hope there's a Liverpool league fixture on



A POLISH FAN IN LOVE WITH LIVERPOOL

FROM Poland, 20-year-old Wojtek Kaminski writes: "I'm in love with Liverpool Football Club . . . I listen to every match featuring Liverpool on the B.B.C. radio on Saturdays, and collect cuttings and photographs about the club.

"I would be happy if you could mention me, because I would like to correspond with a Liverpool fan from your city, and I hope that someone will reply." Wojtek's address: 47-200, Kedzierzyn-Kozle, ul: 24 Kwietnia 10, Poland.

There's got to be at least one answer to that!

TWO postmen—Sid and Alan Jackson, from Moston, Manchester—made a special delivery as they turned up in person for the game against Manchester United here. Their mission: to complete a programme of watching a game on each of the 92 League grounds in a season.

Anfield was the last port of call, and it was especially significant for two reasons: Alan and Sid knocked nine days off the previous best-ever time for doing the rounds of the 92 clubs and, in the process, raised more cash on their sponsored trips which will go towards buying a Sunshine coach for disabled children.



OUR FANS IN POLAND: SEE PAGES 30, 31





Jerzy Dudek with Polish LFC fans

the TV to coincide with our meeting.

After 2005 and the Champions League success there was more interest from new fans and we started to think about formalising the group. We registered our association in 2007 and the next year we were granted official status. At the moment we have 150 members. The geographical distance between members is significant so besides our annual meeting in late August each year, our members also organise smaller get-togethers in different cities to watch LFC matches together.

Personally, when and why did you become a fan?

Each member has his or her own story. Sometimes it's just one moment or event, other times it's a longer process. We have members of different ages and experiences. Some of them have been Liverpool fans since the 1970s and 80s but we think the biggest group became supporters from around season 2000/01 when Liverpool got back to winning ways with Michael Owen's goals and obviously Jerzy Dudek's arrival at the club the season after. The other significant moment is 2005. The fact that Dudek, one of our own countrymen, had a big impact upon that wonderful win in Istanbul made us even more proud and happy.

Do you get to Anfield often for matches?

These days it's really easy to travel to Liverpool just for the game and get back to Poland even on the same day. Back in the 1980s and early 90s you had to have a visa to go to England and of course there were no low-cost airlines flying from different Polish cities directly to Liverpool. But even then some of our members followed Liverpool FC not only to Anfield but also throughout Europe just to have the opportunity to feel the magic of European nights. Now we go to Anfield a few times a season, sometimes just a handful of us and other times in bigger groups to watch the Reds in action.

You can visit the OLSC Poland online at fanklublfc.pl.

> **"Jerzy's part in the 2005 Champions League final made us even more proud to be Liverpool FC fans"**

'LODZ TIE IS MY FINAL!'

WHY NOT DROP US A LINE?

Now we play on Saturdays too

IT'S TEARS FOR SOUVENIRS WHEN WE ARE BEATEN

PROGRAMME FAIR

TWO fans from Poland write to indicate their interest in the fortunes of Liverpool. Miranda Muzyk says: "For many years I have been interested in English Soccer, and I am a great fan of Liverpool. And we are not all football hooligans! I send you all the best wishes . . ."

And from Marek Kukula comes this letter: "For some years I have been very interested in football, especially English football, and the First Division is the best in the world! I am a loyal supporter of Liverpool FC, and my dream for many years is correspondence with Liverpool fans.

"I will be very, very pleased to hear from any of them . . . I collect Liverpool programmes, photos, badges and information old and new, and I wish good luck to everyone at Anfield."

Marek's address: 78-600 Walcz, Skr. Poczt. 68,

IT SEEMS a long time since Chris Kwiotkowski wrote to us from Poland, but in fact it was only last September, when he told us about his special wish . . . and now it's coming true. Chris wrote: "My dream is to buy a ticket for the match Widzew Lodz-Liverpool in the second round of the European Cup." And he added: "It's my nightmare."

Well, Liverpool and Widzew didn't meet in the second round . . . but they will be doing in the quarter-finals! And 18-year-old Chris, who has supported us for close on 10 years, will surely be at the match in Poland—even though he'll have to travel from Warsaw to watch his favourites in action.



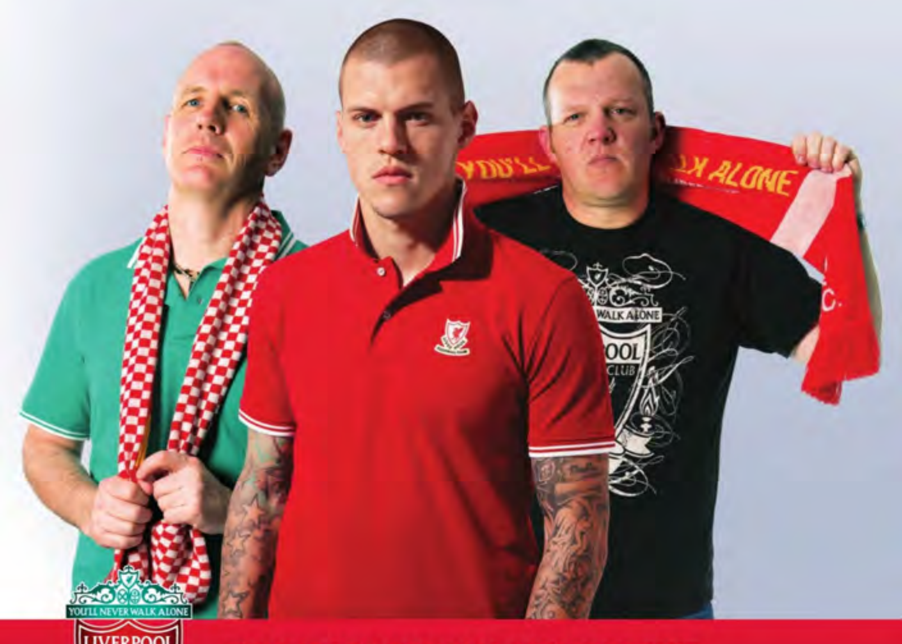


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The Reds Down Under – now that's what you call a bonzer welcome

From the premier of Victoria state to the rank-and-file fans in Federation Square, the city of Melbourne gave the players and officials of LFC a welcome they'll never forget on the club's 2013 tour – its first-ever to visit Australia.

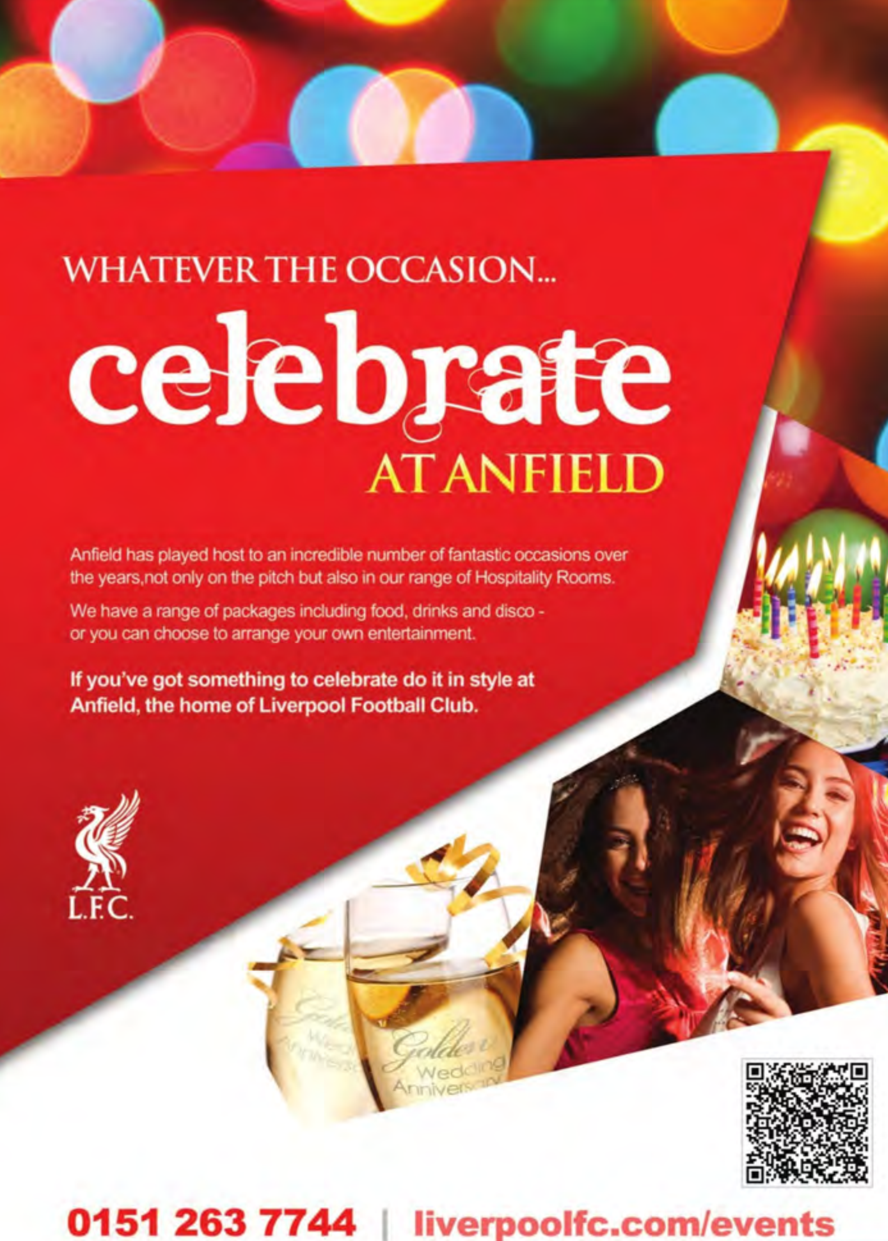
"Liverpool are one of the most well-known and well-respected football clubs in the world and we've been absolutely thrilled to have them here," the state premier Dr Denis Napthine told LFC TV ahead of the match with Melbourne Victory at the historic MCG. "When I was growing up and watching the telly Liverpool were my favourite team. Craig Johnston from Australia played for them and Ian Rush was my favourite player."

> "This is what coming on tour is all about for Liverpool FC"

Reds defenders Martin Skrtel and Sebastian Coates were overwhelmed by the reception at Federation Square where they signed autographs – and various body parts – while a pop-up store sold LFC goodies. Elsewhere club ambassador Robbie Fowler visited the Reagan Milstein Foundation that helps disadvantaged Australian youngsters play sport, and five players – Andre Wisdom, Iago Aspas, Luis Alberto, Simon Mignolet and Jay Spearing – attended a special football clinic organised by the Liverpool FC Foundation and the city of Melbourne for young kids.

Forbes Duff, event organiser from the Foundation, said: "To see the smiles on the faces of the kids was brilliant. This is what coming on tour is all about for Liverpool FC – engaging with kids all over the world and giving something back to our fans."




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The CommunityMark, which is endorsed by HRH The Prince of Wales, was presented to the club at a gala dinner in London by Prime Minister David Cameron and Business in the Community chief executive Stephen Howard. "I congratulate Liverpool FC for continuing to be part of this growing network," said Mr Howard. "Business has a vital role to help create prosperous communities and CommunityMark holders are at the heart of this. We hope Liverpool's example will inspire more businesses to put responsible behaviour at the heart of how they do business."

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A NIGHT FOR WINNERS

A special event was recently held in the Champions Suite at Anfield to celebrate the fantastic achievements of children and adults from Liverpool FC Foundation's disability football programme Ability Counts. The players were joined by parents and coaches and medals were handed out to all participants with a select few receiving player of the season awards.

Established in 2004, Ability Counts provides young people and adults with additional needs the opportunity to play football at a competitive level. Teams compete at a regional level and some adult players will be competing at international level in the European Disabled Cup for the fifth year running in Switzerland this summer. Several Ability Counts stars have started coaching for the programme and others have reached an elite level of disability football by being selected to compete for England.

More than 180 children and adults attended the evening, including Stephen Hunt who has spina bifida. "Wearing the red shirt for LFC's Ability Counts and playing competitive matches has been fantastic and helped me and many other players with disabilities realise our dreams," he says. The Foundation's disability programme is one of its flagship initiatives and has been running for over 12 years.



HOULDING'S COURT

The house that stands as a reminder to LFC's founding father

If you're attending the games against Olympiacos and Stoke City this month, the chances are you may walk past a building that holds a special significance to Liverpool FC. Stand at the Shankly Gates and look back down Anfield Road, southeast past the Fans Park, and you'll just make out Stanley House – the red-and-cream-bricked mansion at no73.

This grand residence, built in 1876, was where Liverpool's founding father John Houlding originally set up home. He'd progressed from working as a drayman at Clarkson's Brewery in Soho Street in the city's Islington district, to owning his own brewery in Everton's Tynemouth Street.

'Houlding's Sparkling Ales' were the tipple of choice in late Victorian Liverpool, and using profits from the brewery he set up home at Stanley House in leafy Anfield with his wife Jane and children Alice and William. With a garden and steepled tower overlooking (the then six-year-old) Stanley Park, it gave him the perfect base from which to keep an eye on the city's footballing affairs. It lay equidistant between the area of the park where Everton's forerunner St Domingo's played and the site where the Anfield ground took root in 1884.

Externally the privately-owned building is well preserved and a regular reminder of the man who played such a significant part in the club's history.



John Houlding portrait from the club museum



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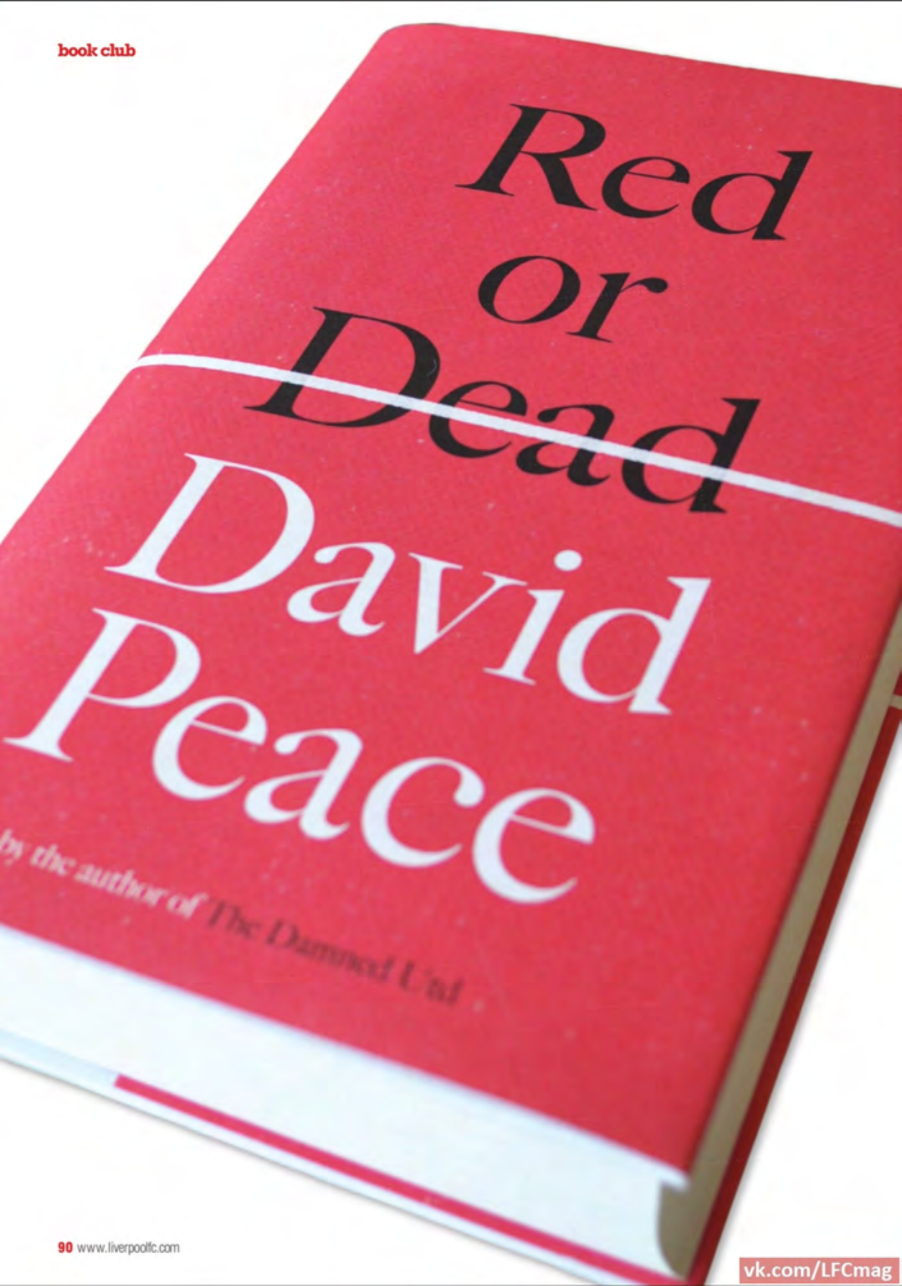
A personal appreciation of a Merseyside goalscoring great by *William Hughes*

Dave Hickson may have stood only five feet 10 inches tall and tipped the scales at just under 12 stones, but he was a giant of a man. The forward was best known for his scoring exploits with Everton but his professionalism and dedication were never better highlighted than when he was at the centre of a parochial storm.

After leaving the Blues for the first time in 1955, Hickson had a short spell under Bill Shankly at Huddersfield, playing alongside a precocious talent named Denis Law. But the man nicknamed 'The Cannonball Kid' by Evertonians almost caused a riot when it was announced he'd be leaving them a second time in 1959 – for Liverpool. The deal sparked fury among Everton and Liverpool fans alike. Many lined the streets of Anfield to protest before his Liverpool debut against Aston Villa on 7 November. Dave took it all in his stride and swiftly appeased one half of the city by scoring both goals as Liverpool defeated the league leaders 2-1. He'd go on to score 37 goals in 60 outings for LFC to take his career tally past 200 goals in all competitions.

Born in Salford but raised in Ellesmere Port, he was a gentleman off the pitch and consistently modest about his achievements. This writer had the privilege of sitting next him at an awards evening in St George's Hall in 2009 and he was easy company, playing down the stream of compliments that came his way from passers-by. I'd first interviewed him at Goodison Park in 2006 when he was working as a tour guide at Everton. He recalled: "The reason I left Everton was the result of a misunderstanding as I didn't really want to go, but I was delighted to join Liverpool. It meant I didn't have to move home and I was joining another fine club with a great crowd. I also scored twice on my debut which helped!

"We finished third in both my seasons at Anfield – today that'd probably be enough to get promoted. But Shankly, who I knew from my time at Huddersfield, led the team to promotion in 1961/62 and they never looked back. Everton was my club but I really enjoyed my time at Liverpool."


Red
or
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David
Peace
by the author of The Damned Utd

"I HOPE IT'S TRUE TO THE SPIRIT OF THE MAN"

David Peace, author of the new Bill Shankly book *Red or Dead*, talks to *Simon Hughes*

In what remains of Glenbuck a plaque honours the professional footballers that the Scottish mining village produced in the 20th century. For such a small place, there are more than 50 names. Beneath the one that recognises Bill Shankly is a defining epithet: 'the legend, the genius, the man'. This wasn't merely a parochial view. Tom Finney called him a 'god'. Kevin Keegan said he was the 'greatest psychologist'. No mention of Shankly is possible without a grand testimonial.

For the post-Shanks generation it sometimes feels that his contribution towards the emergence of LFC as an institution is revealed in a few anodyne quotes or humorous anecdotes. There should be more time to appreciate the personal price of immortality.

That, perhaps, is the most significant achievement of David Peace's new novel *Red or Dead*. Originally Peace hoped to focus on the period in 1974 when Shankly shocked Liverpool and the game by resigning just as it seemed his team would dominate Europe. It was an opportunity to try and get to the bottom of his reasoning.

Peace had published a book before about a snapshot in sporting history, of course. On its 2006 release *The Damned United* – based on Brian Clough's ill-fated 44 days in charge of Leeds United – was described by *The Times* as 'probably the best novel ever written about sport' and within three years it was a film starring Michael Sheen and Timothy Spall.

Peace soon realised, though, that it was impossible to illustrate the impact of Shankly's decision without detailing what had gone before: the fight, the defeat, agony, recovery, glory – then the reverence that followed.

The culture around football has always been mirrored by trends in society. Especially in this era of instant gratification, *Red or Dead* is a reminder that in order to create enduring success there remains an alternative route, albeit one that requires patience. Liverpool did not become a storied club overnight. The tale of Shankly is one of obsession, selflessness, repetition and trust. These themes underpin the weighty 720 pages. One of Peace's favourite Shankly quotes is where he compares football to the longest river. "It struck me that games and players come and go but the challenge remains to stay afloat," says the author. "Football goes on and on. It never stops."

Peace spent the whole of 2012 writing *Red or Dead* at his home in Tokyo after spending several weeks in 2011 on Merseyside researching. He wanted the book to "feel like a living experience." That is certainly achieved. Written similarly to *The Damned United* where the reader becomes Clough's anxious inner monologue, you feel the pressure when Shankly feels the pressure. You feel the release when Liverpool score the goal that wins a trophy. Then it starts all over again: pre-season, training, the next year. It's draining but sustaining as well. Shankly comes to life. There are the moments when the reader is enriched by the energy of Anfield – the adrenaline of the match. Then there are the moments back home on Bellefield Drive: silence and loneliness, the come-down and introspection. Shankly once said that if he was scrubbing floors "I'd want my floor to be cleaner than yours." So here,



he takes to the kitchen. You quickly learn of his brilliance with a Brillo Pad. Such is the development of Shankly's character, on the single occasion he misses a match at Sheffield United with flu you begin to feel slightly queasy. "It's my portrait or interpretation of what I think happened," explains Peace. "Even though it's fiction I really hope it's true to the spirit of the man."

Research took the author to extremes. "I'd sit and listen to the music he liked, but there's only so much Mario Lanza you can take. Then there was the Burns poetry, the stuff he liked to read. It was a case of trying to get into his mind and establishing how he felt. I dreamt about him a lot and friends commented that for a period it changed the way I spoke. It was inspiring. This was a man who had principles I can relate to. Perhaps I pay lip-service to those principles but he based his entire life around them."

Peace grew up in Wakefield during the miners' strike before moving to Istanbul then Japan to teach English. "We were a Labour household and solid supporters of the miners. When I came to write about that period (in the *Red Riding Quartet*) I didn't realise how much the people on strike had sacrificed. While writing about Shankly it hit hard how much people sacrificed to make Liverpool great. Shankly devoted his life to the club. It's a sad reflection of the times that people now are too comfortable, myself included. I don't think we're prepared to sacrifice ourselves for the greater good.

"Shankly lived through two world wars, the Russian and Chinese revolutions, the Great Depression, the General Strike and the birth of the Welfare State. There are few people coming from a position more difficult than his to achieve what he achieved."

The story begins when LFC chairman TV Williams travels to Huddersfield to offer Shankly the manager's job. As a Huddersfield Town fan Peace however was not brought up on the legend of Shankly. "I knew who he was as Mike Yarwood did impressions. Yet he was never in my consciousness. Huddersfield now make a big deal of him once managing the club. But my dad and his dad were both regulars at Leeds Road during the time of Shankly and they insist that he didn't really make a big impression in the short time he was there. There was a feeling that with players like Denis Law and Ray Wilson, there was potential but when Shankly left there was no great sense of mourning."

It took time for Shankly to convince the Anfield crowd too that Liverpool were on the right path under his guidance. "There was always a fight to be won. Before he arrived at Liverpool the manager did not pick the team – that fell with a group of selectors. It was simply the manager's role to train. Shankly fought to change that. Football has always had its complications. Although the 1950s and 60s have an image of purity they weren't without their controversies in a football sense – issues that today's fans would frown upon.

"It wasn't until he managed to recruit Ian St John and Ron Yeats that things started to turn. In modern football Shankly would've been lucky to keep his job. Liverpool later went seven years without winning anything. Again, people forget it takes time to create a dynasty. It would take a strong boardroom to keep faith."

Red or Dead is split into two parts. The first half focuses on the period between 1959 and 1974 when Shankly transformed Liverpool from a Second Division side that had never won the FA Cup into one that 15 seasons later had won three League titles, two FA Cups and the UEFA Cup. The second half deals with Shankly's retirement and his death in 1981. "I've written about the miners' strike, the Yorkshire Ripper and Tokyo after the war when a serial killer was on the loose," says Peace. "Those are all told in difficult, dark times. I realised that I wanted to write something for a change which had a really positive narrative. People will always have their opinions for good or bad. But I hope people are heartened by this one."

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